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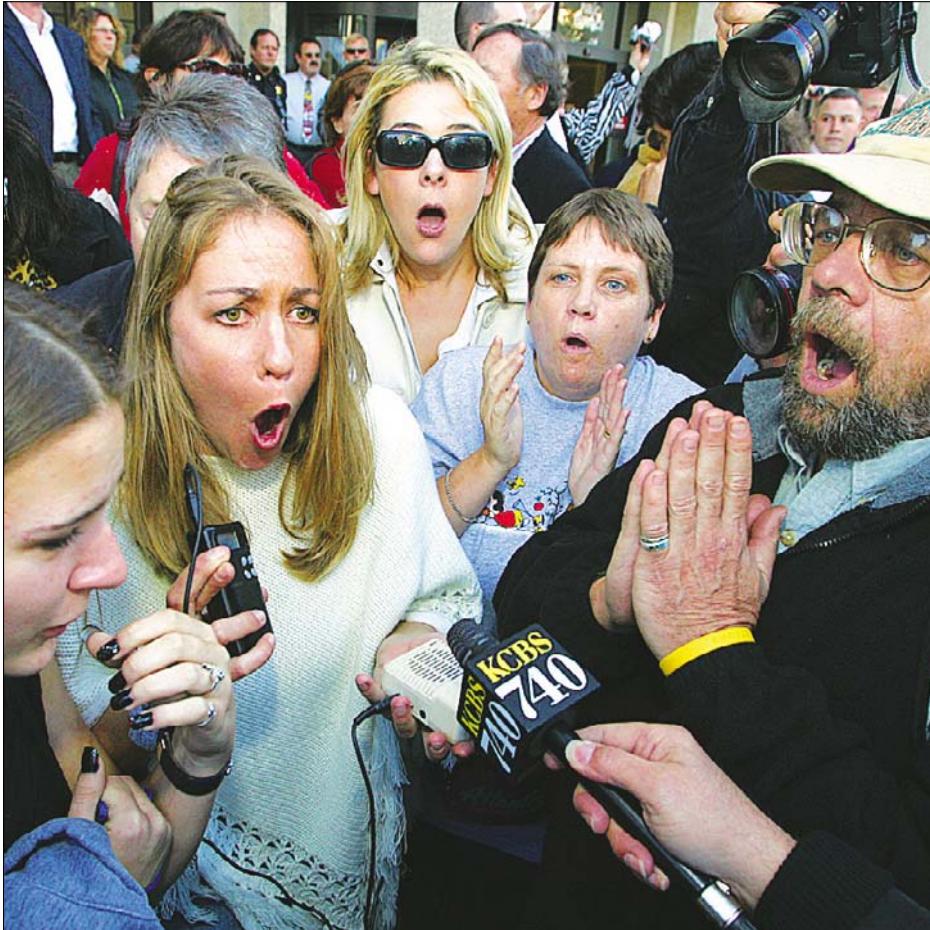
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MOMENT OF TRUTH: A group gathered outside the courthouse in Redwood City, Calif., reacts to Scott Peterson's death sentence Monday. Some in the crowd, estimated at several hundred, cheered the news.

Saddam's Jailing No Deterrent

Suicide bomb kills 13 a year after Iraqi dictator's capture

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | An al Qaeda-linked suicide bomber blew up his vehicle Monday near cars waiting to enter the Green Zone, home to the U.S. Embassy and Iraq's interim government, killing 13 Iraqis on the anniversary of Saddam Hussein's capture.

As insurgents continued to step up attacks against U.S. and Iraqi forces ahead of next month's elections, the country's interim president said Washington was wrong for dismantling Iraq's security forces, including its 350,000-strong army.

"As soon as we have efficient security forces that we can depend on, we can see the beginning of the withdrawal of forces from our friends and partners and I think it doesn't take years, it will take months," Ghazi al-Yawer told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.



Al-Yawer

U.S. military commanders, however, say American forces will be in Iraq for several years and that troop numbers will rise from 138,000 to 150,000 before the Jan. 30 national elections.

American and Iraqi leaders had hoped the ouster of Saddam — who was captured one year ago Monday on a farm near his hometown of Tikrit — and the detention or death of most of his top aides would deal the insurgency a knockout blow.

But the uprising has escalated and the number of attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces risen steadily. About 550 U.S. soldiers died in the first year after the invasion was launched; almost 750 troops have died in the nine months that followed. PAUL GARWOOD (AP)

Peterson Facing Death

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. | A jury decided Monday that Scott Peterson should be executed for murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, whose Christmas Eve disappearance two years ago was the opening act in a legal drama that grabbed national attention.

A cheer went up outside the courtroom as the jury announced its decision after 11 ½ hours of deliberations over three days. The jury had two options in deciding the 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman's fate: life in prison without parole or death by injection.

Peterson clenched his jaw when the verdict was read and leaned over to speak with his attorney, Sharon Rocha, Laci Peterson's moth-

er, cried quietly — her lips quivering. Peterson's mother, Jackie, showed no apparent emotion.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi will formally sentence Peterson on Feb. 25. The judge will have the option of reducing the sentence to life, but such a move is highly unlikely.

If the judge upholds the sentence, Peterson will be sent to death row at San Quentin State Prison outside San Francisco.

Peterson, 32, was convicted of murder Nov. 12 for the deaths of his wife and her unborn child. Prosecutors say he strangled or smothered his wife on or around Christmas Eve 2002 and dumped the body in San Francisco Bay. BRIAN SKOLOFF (AP)

SHOPPING | Boys' Toys British department store chain Marks & Spencer is offering something to help men enjoy Christmas shopping: large brown leather sofas, a TV playing soccer matches and newspapers. The "Men's Creche" has been installed



in six stores around the country to distract men while their wives or girlfriends shop. Men can also enjoy free candy and an array of gadgets, such as remote-control bikes and a Starsky and Hutch-themed race car track. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2



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The Perfect Gift to Say, 'You're a Loser'

A pillow designed in the shape of a woman's lap has become one of the best-selling Christmas gifts in Japan, Sky News reported. The cushion is

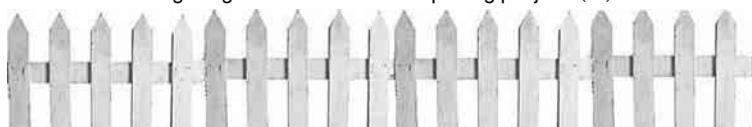
made of foam and comes complete with a mini-skirt. The Trane Corporation, which makes the item, insisted the pillow provides comfort, not excitement to lonely single men. Priced around \$90, the life-sized gift has received significant interest from men of all ages, the company said. (EXPRESS)

PROPERTY

Not Street Smart

An 87-year-old man in Los Banos, Calif., damaged a street bordering his property when he tried to erect a fence Thursday in the middle of it. Bernard Gardner said he was reclaiming property the city took from him for a street-widening project in the 1940s, while he was off fighting in World War

II. The street was damaged when one of Gardner's neighbors used a jackhammer to dig three post holes in the street before being stopped by city crews. Gardner said he was upset that in August the city tore out cactus he had planted along a fence bordering the street. Public Works Director Ray DeSa said the cactus was in the city's right of way and was removed for a repaving project. (AP)



BOB ZELLAR/AP

CHARITY

Arose Such a Clatter

Toys for Billings, Mont., children didn't arrive Sunday via eight reindeer, but atop more than 400 rumbling motorcycles. Bikers carrying gifts stretched for about a mile down a city avenue during the Toy Run. The charity ride, sponsored by the Roaddogs motorcycle club, raised more than \$23,000 in toys for needy families, the Billings Gazette reported. (AP)

PARTY FAVORS

His Costume Bombed

A soldier in Aldershot, England, sparked a security alert Wednesday when he left a costume party, which was celebrat-

ing the defeat of Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo in 1815, dressed as a suicide bomber, wearing a turban, false beard and combat jacket stuffed with pretend explosives, police said Friday. Police were called after the sergeant was

spotted in his costume walking near an army base. Fifteen police squad cars, armed officers and members of the Royal Military Police were alerted. The sergeant was charged with a public order offense and fined \$150. (AP)

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ANIMAL CONTROL: For the first time in its 75-year history, the San Francisco Zoo will be without an elephant after its last one, Lulu, is moved to a sanctuary. Officials there voted last week to require elephants have a living area of at least 15 acres.



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In Brief

RIVERHEAD, N.Y.

Jurors Reach Verdict in Death of Millionaire Banker

Daniel Pelosi was convicted of second-degree murder Monday in the 2001 bludgeoning death of a millionaire investment banker who was beaten as he slept in the bedroom of his \$10 million mansion. Jurors deliberated over three days before deciding on the charges that Pelosi killed Theodore Ammon, the estranged husband of Pelosi's lover, at Ammon's home in East Hampton. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Government Launches Tests Of SARS Vaccine in Humans

The National Institutes of Health is launching a human trial to test the safety of an experimental vaccine against severe acute respiratory syndrome. SARS, which was first recognized in 2002, killed 774 people worldwide before being brought under control. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said Monday it will test the vaccine in 10 volunteers. (AP)

LOS ANGELES

Jackson Lawyers Move to Dismiss Molestation Charge

Michael Jackson's lawyers have filed a motion, made public on Monday, to dismiss the child molestation charges against the pop star on grounds of "vindictive prosecution and outrageous government conduct." They also want to push back the scheduled Jan. 31 trial date. (AP)

New Health Chief Tapped

Bush chooses EPA administrator Leavitt to replace Thompson

WASHINGTON | President Bush chose Environmental Protection Agency chief Michael Leavitt on Monday to be secretary of Health and Human Services, filling one of the last two openings in his second-term Cabinet.

Bush praised Leavitt as "a man of great compassion."

"He's an ideal choice to lead one of the largest departments of the United States government," Bush said.

If confirmed by the Senate, Leavitt, Utah's governor before

joining the Bush administration in late 2003, would succeed Tommy Thompson, who recently resigned. During Monday's announcement, Leavitt, 53, thanked Bush for showing confidence in him.

Bush still has to name a new head of the Homeland Security Department to take the place of Bernard Kerik, who abruptly withdrew his nomination Friday night, citing immigration problems with a family housekeeper.

"He himself said he should have brought it to our attention sooner," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. "Commissioner Kerik pointed out that this was a mistake." MARK SHERMAN (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ Former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani personally offered apologies to President Bush for the abortive nomination of close associate Bernard Kerik as homeland security secretary. The

White House said Monday there were no hard feelings between Bush and Giuliani about the former mayor's recommendation of Kerik as a candidate for the Cabinet post. (AP)



McCain Lashes at Rumsfeld

Senator says he has 'no confidence' in secretary of defense

PHOENIX | U.S. Sen. John McCain said Monday that he has "no confidence" in Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, citing Rumsfeld's handling of the war in Iraq and the failure to send more troops.

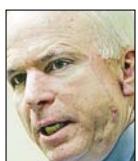
McCain, in an interview with the Associated Press, said his comments were not a call for Rumsfeld's resignation, explaining that President Bush "can have the team that he wants around him."

Asked about his confidence in the secretary, McCain recalled fielding a similar question a couple weeks ago.

"I said no. My answer is still no. No confidence," McCain said.

He estimated an additional 80,000 Army personnel and 20,000 to 30,000 more Marines would be needed to secure Iraq.

"I have strenuously argued for larger troop numbers in Iraq, including the right kind of troops — linguists, special forces, civil affairs, etc.," said McCain, R-Ariz. "There are very strong differences of opinion between myself and Secretary Rumsfeld on that issue." (AP)



McCain

HAWAII | HIGH SEAS



ASP/PIERRE TOSTE/AP

SURF'S UP: Spectators watch as large waves crash along the shore during the Rip Curl Pro Pipeline Masters surfing competition at the Banzai pipeline in Oahu, Hawaii, on Monday. The contest was delayed due to stormy sea conditions.

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The weight, in pounds, of a non-cancerous ovarian tumor removed this month from the abdomen of a Peebles, Ohio, woman, the Cincinnati Enquirer reported.

Justice Cuts Back on Cases

High court says ailing Rehnquist not voting on some new rulings

WASHINGTON | Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has cut back on his workload while receiving treatment for thyroid cancer, a Supreme Court spokeswoman said Monday.

Rehnquist, 80, has been absent from the bench for almost two months but is working from home and receiving briefings on arguments he missed. Only very limited information about his condition has been released.

Until Monday, Rehnquist had participated in every decision. After two rulings were released that did not include votes by Rehnquist,

Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg issued a statement saying the chief justice will not participate in decisions from the dozen cases heard in November unless the remaining eight justices are deadlocked.

He does plan to vote in cases argued in December, she said.

With speculation swirling that Rehnquist could announce his retirement at any time, court observers were caught by surprise Friday when Arberg said Rehnquist had accepted President Bush's invitation to administer the oath of office at the Jan. 20 inauguration. (AP)



Rehnquist

ON THE DOCKET

Other developments from the Supreme Court on Monday:

→ **Voted 7-2 to put restrictions** on companies that want to voluntarily clean up their polluted land and sue former owners to share the costs.

→ **Ruled 8-0 that Florida death row inmate Joe Elton Nixon** should not get a new trial, even though his lawyer conceded the man's guilt at trial without his explicit consent.

→ **Ruled 8-0 that police** have authority to arrest suspects on "reasonable" charges that later fall apart, so long as officers had a second, valid reason for the detention. (AP)

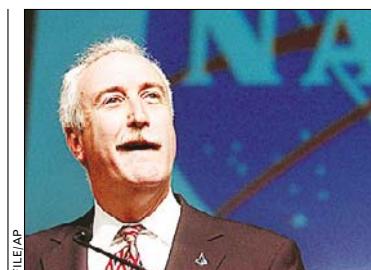
NASA Chief O'Keefe Formally Steps Down

Departure of agency's head comes at critical time for space program

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | The departure of NASA's boss comes at a challenging time as the space agency struggles to ditch the mentality that lost Columbia and get its remaining shuttles flying again, while aiming for the moon and Mars.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe resigned Monday, leaving the \$158,000 government job after three years to seek a \$500,000-a-year job as chancellor of Louisiana State University's main campus. He is the top candidate, and a decision is expected Thursday, school officials say.

"This was the most difficult decision I've ever made, but it's one I felt was best for my family and our future," O'Keefe said in a statement released by NASA.



FILE/AP
NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe submitted his resignation on Monday.

Barely a year into O'Keefe's tenure, Columbia shattered during re-entry. And within a year of that, this past January, O'Keefe embraced the president's vision of sending astronauts back to the moon and on to Mars and beyond, and began retooling the space agency to meet that goal.

Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish is said to be high on the list of NASA job candidates, who until recently directed the Missile Defense Agency. MARCIA DUNN (AP)

HEARSAY | SURVIVAL

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AN 80-YEAR-OLD DIVER FROM MIAMI, FLA., WHO SPENT 18 HOURS HOLDING ONTO A BUOY IN THE WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AFTER HIS BOAT DRIFTED AWAY. A RELATIVE RESCUED HIM SUNDAY.

Today in The Washington Post

Sex Selection: A small but growing number of Americans are turning to fertility clinics not just to ensure a pregnancy, but to select the gender of their babies. | [Page A1](#)

Hazardous Highway: The road to Baghdad's airport has become a magnet for enormous, fiery explosions. It is so dangerous people brag of having traveled it. | [Page A1](#)

Regis the Replacement: With Dick Clark ailing, Philbin will fill in as host of ABC's New Year's Eve orgy of kitch — the network's first without Clark in 33 years. | [Style](#)



BY THE NUMBERS: Attendance at North America's 50 most popular theme and amusement parks jumped almost 4 percent in 2004, the first overall increase since the 2001 terrorist attacks slowed the U.S. travel and tourism industry. An estimated 169.1 million visitors rode thrill rides and romped around the parks, according to a new trade survey released Monday. (AP)

Nation

Murder Rate Dips Nearly 6 Percent

FBI: Rapes increase but most other crimes drop in first half of '04

WASHINGTON | Murders in the United States dropped by nearly 6 percent in the first half of the year after rising for four straight years, the FBI reported Monday. Almost all other crimes declined, too.

Overall, violent crime was down 2 percent in the first six months of the year compared with the same period of 2003, according to preliminary figures provided to the FBI by more than 10,700 state and local police agencies. Violent crime includes murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

Property crimes — burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft — also declined about 2 percent, and

arsons fell by nearly 7 percent. The only crime that increased was rape, which was up 1.4 percent nationwide and 6.5 percent in cities with populations of 1 million or more.

The latest FBI report does not include raw totals for categories of crimes, only percentages of increase or decrease compared with the first half of 2003. The final report for all of 2004 will be released next fall.

Based on last year's figures, though, it can be estimated that there were about 400-500 fewer murders in the first half of the year.

There was a particularly steep decline in Chicago, which reported 215 murders in the first half of the year compared with 287 a year earlier. Phoenix, New Orleans and New York City also had significant declines. **NEDRA PICKLER (AP)**

ELECTIONS | PUERTO RICAN PROTEST



DISPUTED: More than 100 demonstrators rally outside a courthouse in Boston on Monday for two candidates vying to be governor of Puerto Rico. A dispute over how votes should be counted from the election has intensified political divisions in the U.S. territory and is now before an appeals court.

Appeal Filed on Outcome of Ohio Vote

COLUMBUS, OHIO | The Ohio delegation to the Electoral College cast its votes for President Bush on Monday, hours after dissident groups asked the state Supreme Court to review the outcome of the state's presidential race.

As members of the Electoral College met across the nation to

affirm the results of last month's election, the 20 GOP electors in Ohio voted unanimously for Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

The challengers who went to the Supreme Court question whether Bush won the swing state by 119,000 votes, guaranteeing his victory over Democrat John Kerry. **(AP)**

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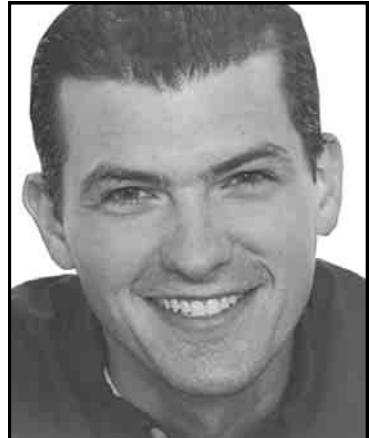
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Qaeda Group Claims Bomb

Militants in Iraq led by Zarqawi; al-Yawer presses U.N. on role

BAGHDAD | An al Qaeda-linked suicide bomber blew up his vehicle near cars waiting to enter the Green Zone, home to the U.S. Embassy and Iraq's interim government, killing 13 Iraqis on the anniversary of Saddam Hussein's capture.

Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's al Qaeda in Iraq group claimed credit for Monday's deadly attack in central Baghdad.

The military said that seven Marines died in action Sunday in the volatile Anbar province west of Baghdad, the deadliest day for the Marines since eight of their service members were killed by a car bomb Oct. 30 outside Fallujah.

The deaths brought to nearly 1,300 the number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq. It was unclear where in Anbar the Marines were killed, but the province includes the turbulent cities of Fallujah and Ramadi.

Meanwhile, Interim President Ghazi al-Yawer demanded more help from the United Nations ahead of the country's Jan. 30 elections, say-



A woman who was wounded in the suicide attack arrives at Baghdad's Yarmouk hospital Monday. The bomber killed 13 people near the heavily fortified Green Zone.

ing poor security was no excuse for the world body to stay away.

The United Nations is advising Iraq's electoral commission on the vote. It recently increased the ceiling on its international staff in Baghdad from 35 to 59.

But U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said insecurity remains a

problem. Annan pulled all U.N. international staff out of Iraq in October 2003, after two bombings at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

Al-Yawer told Al-Arabiya he wasn't satisfied with the U.N. response so far, and asked it to play a bigger and "more effective" role.

PAUL GARWOOD (AP)

Charged: A U.S. soldier faces a military hearing for his role in killing an Iraqi, a proceeding that sheds light on troops' conduct and leadership | Today's Post: Section A

Romanian Challenger Wins, Ousts Old Guard

Vows to prepare former Soviet satellite for EU

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA | Bucharest mayor and reformist opposition candidate Traian Basescu won an unexpected victory Monday in Romania's presidential runoff election, ending a decade of rule by successors to this country's former communist regime.

Basescu vowed to fight widespread corruption, restore press freedoms and prepare Romania to join the European Union by 2007. He has also said he supports social reform, including greater rights for gays — a stance that drew heavy criticism from the country's powerful Orthodox Christian Church.



Basescu

He defeated Prime Minister Adrian Nastase, who was supported by outgoing President Ion Iliescu, Romania's leader for 11 of the past 15 years since the revolution that deposed former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. Final results showed Basescu had won 51.23 percent of Sunday's vote; Nastase got 48.77 percent.

The opposition is seen as less connected to the communists who ruled until the 1989 revolution, and less tainted by corruption. (AP)

U.S.: Deaths of 8 Detainees Probed In Afghanistan

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Military officials said Monday that eight prisoner deaths in Afghanistan have been investigated since mid-2002, a higher number than previously reported.

Human Rights Watch said slow-paced investigations had "spawned a culture of impunity" that may have fueled prisoner abuse in Iraq. "It's time for the United States to come clean about crimes committed by U.S. forces in Afghanistan," said the group's Asia division director.

A Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. John Skinner, said commanders go to "enormous lengths to investigate any credible allegations." Many probes have determined that detainees died due to natural causes, he said. (AP)

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World



A BANNER DAY: Bahrain celebrated its national day on Monday by unfurling the world's largest flag, measuring 185 yards long by 106 yards wide and weighing 7,040 pounds. The donated flag topped the Guinness Book record by 429 square yards.

Chile's Ex-Dictator Pinochet Indicted

Judge rules he's fit, able to stand trial for dissident's murder

SANTIAGO, CHILE | Former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet was indicted and placed under house arrest Monday for the kidnapping of nine dissidents and the killing of one of them during his 1973-90 military regime.

The indictment marked the third attempt to try Pinochet in Chile for abuses from his 17-year dictatorship, none successful.

Judge Juan Guzman said he decided to try the 89-year-old retired general — reversing a previous court decision to exempt Pinochet from trial on health grounds — after questioning him and examining reports from court-appointed doctors.

"Gen. Pinochet has been declared mentally competent to face a criminal trial in Chile," Guzman ruled.

The defense team immediately announced an appeal, saying Pinochet suffers from worsening dementia, and legal proceedings could take months.

Guzman has won a reputation



Pinochet



SANTIAGO/LLANQUIN/AP

BITTERSWEET VICTORY: Rosa Silva, left, and Viviana Diaz, relatives of detainees who went missing during Pinochet's regime, celebrate Monday at Santiago's Supreme Court building after Judge Juan Guzman announced the former dictator's indictment.

as a crusader in prominent human rights cases, including a previous trial of Pinochet that was dropped by the Supreme Court three years ago on health grounds. Pinochet also suffers from diabetes, arthritis and uses a pacemaker.

The judge said he also was influenced by an interview Pinochet

granted last year to a television station, in which he blamed abuses on subordinates in his regime. Guzman said Pinochet's answers made him appear mentally alert.

The indictment is part of the investigation into the so-called "Operation Condor," a joint plan by the dictatorships of several South

American nations in the 1970s and '80s to suppress dissidence.

Chilean legal authorities also are investigating the source of up to \$8 million kept by Pinochet in secret bank accounts at Riggs Bank in Washington, as disclosed by a U.S. Senate investigative committee. EDUARDO GILLARDO (AP)

A New Era for the 'Ugly American'?

Unfavorable views of Americans found in international poll

WASHINGTON | International resentment of the Bush administration has spilled over to include bad feelings for the American people, too, at least in three European countries that opposed U.S. policies in Iraq.

People in France, Germany and Spain are more likely to have an unfavorable than favorable view of Americans, Associated Press polling found. Just over half in France and Germany said they viewed Americans unfavorably, and almost half in Spain felt that way.

In Australia, Canada, Britain

and Italy, people had a negative view of Bush, but a majority in those countries said they viewed Americans favorably.

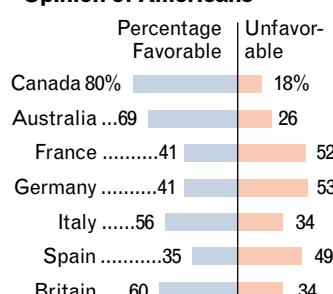
The U.S. rift with longtime allies France and Germany is the most serious in years, and relations with Spain have been particularly frosty since Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero withdrew Spanish troops from Iraq last April.

President Bush pledged soon after his re-election that he would work to "deepen our trans-Atlantic ties." He plans a trip to Europe in February. But the president, and Americans generally, have plenty of work to do to win over Europeans, according to international AP-Ipsos polls. WILL LESTER (AP)

Views of Americans

Americans fared slightly better in polls than President Bush, whose unfavorable rating was highest in Germany (78%) and lowest in Italy (52%).

Opinion of Americans



NOTE: The poll included about 1,000 adults in each of the countries and was taken between Nov. 19-27; it has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

SOURCE: IPSOS-PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR AP

China and Russia Usher in New Era, Tout Military Ties

BEIJING | China and Russia will hold their first joint military exercise next year, the Chinese government said Monday.

The exercises are to take place on Chinese territory, the official China News Service said.

Beijing and Moscow have built up military and political ties since the Soviet collapse in 1991, driven in part by a joint desire to counterbalance U.S. global dominance.

The announcement comes two months after Beijing and Moscow settled the last of their border disputes, which had led to violent clashes in the 1960s and 1970s. (AP)

In Brief

SUDAN

U.N. Suspends Darfur Aid Work After Employees Killed

The United Nations has suspended its humanitarian operations in Sudan's troubled South Darfur area following a shooting that killed two aid workers, the agency said in a statement Monday. The Sudanese employees of Save the Children UK were "brutally killed" Sunday when their convoy came under fire in South Darfur, said the U.N. statement. It did not say who fired on the convoy. (AP)

NORTHERN IRELAND

Protestant Party Turns Back On Ahern After IRA Balks

Northern Ireland's major Protestant party broke off relations with the Irish government after Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern indicated he had accepted the IRA's refusal to provide photographs of disarmament. Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley said on Monday that his British Protestant party would not talk with Ahern's foreign minister or other officials during negotiations planned for Wednesday. (AP)

CAMBODIA

Government Bans Videos of Iraq Hostages' Executions

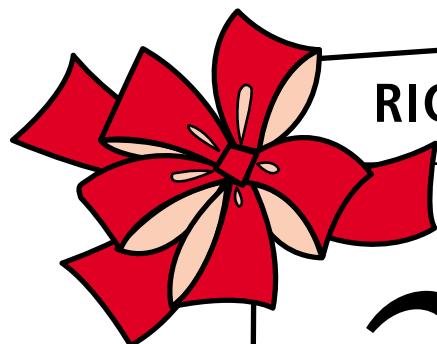
The sale of video CDs showing the executions of foreign hostages in Iraq have been banned by Cambodian authorities. Deputy Minister of Culture Khim Sarith said Monday his ministry is preparing an "urgent" order to be issued Tuesday calling on vendors to stop selling or distributing the VCDs. A copy of the VCD can be purchased for \$0.75 at a local market in Phnom Penh. (AP)

PHILIPPINES

Officials Probe Business Feud in Market Bombing

Authorities said Monday that they have identified several suspects but made no arrests in a bombing that killed at least 15 people in a southern Philippine market packed with Christmas shoppers. Both Muslim and communist rebels operate in General Santos. National police chief Edgar Aglipay said investigators were looking into a dispute between two groups wrangling over a stall in the market. (AP)

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Money



MAKING WAVES: General Motors said Monday it has signed up its one-millionth subscriber to XM Satellite Radio, giving the D.C.-based company more than 2.5 million subscribers. XM said its service is factory-installed in one-third of GM vehicles purchased.

Google Defends Its 'Keyword' Ads

Geico sues search engine for displaying rival companies' names

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A federal judge heard arguments Monday in a trademark dispute that could threaten millions in advertising revenue for search engine Google Inc.

Attorneys for auto insurance giant Geico told U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema that Google should not be allowed to sell ads to rival insurance companies that are triggered whenever Geico's name is typed into the Google search box.

Geico claims that Google's AdWords program, which displays the rival ads under a "Sponsored Links" heading next to a user's search results, causes confusion for consumers and illegally exploits

Geico's investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in its brand.

But Google attorney Michael Page said the ad policy is no different than a supermarket giving out coupons for one product when a customer buys the same product from a different company.

Google is facing similar lawsuits from other companies, including AXA, the world's No. 3 insurer.

The Geico lawsuit was filed in May, just weeks after Google said it hoped to raise \$2.7 billion with an initial public stock offering. In federal filings, the company said it would face financial risks if it was forced to limit sales of keyword ads.

The bench trial is expected to last three days, after which Brinkema could issue a decision or take the matter under advisement. SAM HANANEL (AP)

Oracle Buys PeopleSoft in \$10.3B Deal

SAN FRANCISCO | Ending 18 months of bad blood, Oracle raised its takeover bid for bitter rival PeopleSoft by 10 percent to seal a \$10.3 billion deal that will create the world's sec-

ond largest maker of business applications software.

The agreement, announced Monday, caps a rancorous Silicon Valley feud marked by churlish

exchanges between the companies and colorful courtroom battles.

By picking up 12,750 PeopleSoft customers and nearly \$3 billion in annual revenue, Oracle hopes to mount a more serious challenge to Germany's SAP. MIKE LIEDTKE (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NS Grp	26.00	+5.35	+25.9
WildFuel	44.20	+4.09	+10.2
GnMarit	47.95	+4.15	+9.5
StarGsSr	3.68	+.31	+9.2
HarvNRes	16.85	+1.32	+8.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TenetHlt	11.07	-.97	-8.1
ABM	20.05	-1.44	-6.7
Applica	4.76	-.24	-4.8
DoverMot	5.25	-.25	-4.5
CmpTsk	3.50	-.15	-4.1

Rates

PRIME RATE	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.00	5.00
Fed Funds close	2.1875	2.00
3-month	2.19	2.21
2-year	2.96	2.91
10-year	4.15	4.22
30-year	4.81	4.89

CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
British Pound	.5192
Canadian Dollar	1.2280
European Euro	.7511
Japanese Yen	104.73
Mexican Peso	11.2630
Taiwanese Dollar	32.45

TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
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BASES LOADED: Turnkey Sports, the company handling recruitment for 45 positions with the Washington Nationals, has already screened more than 9,000 applicants, including some from other teams, the company told WMAL radio.



Local

Ballou Student Cleared of Murder

WASHINGTON | The student accused of shooting a classmate inside Ballou High School was acquitted Monday of first and second-degree murder charges.

Jurors also cleared Thomas J. Boykin, 19, of assault with intent to kill. They could not reach a verdict on a manslaughter charge, which prosecutors plan to retry him on. A D.C. Superior Court judge tentatively set a trial date of April 4.

Boykin was convicted only of assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm and carrying an unlicensed pistol from the Feb. 2 shooting of fellow student James Richardson. (AP)

Mistrial in Md. 7-Eleven Murder Case

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | A mistrial was declared Monday in the trial of a teenager accused of killing another teen for offering buy a girl a Slurpee outside a 7-Eleven store.

Emmanuel McClain, 16, was

ARLINGTON, VA. | SOLEMN HOLIDAYS



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

TRIBUTE: Deborah Fitzgerald lays Christmas wreaths on the graves of service members slain in Iraq at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday.

on trial for first-degree murder and other charges in the May 30 death of Michael Bassett, 18, outside a 7-Eleven store in Suitland. Bassett was beaten and run over with a car after offering to buy the

frozen drink for a girl standing outside the store.

Jurors told the judge on Friday that they had agreed on two of the seven counts, but they said Monday that they could not agree on the rest. McClain's retrial is set for March. (AP)

Metro Says It's Prepared For Snow

WASHINGTON | After complaints about the subway system's performance — or lack thereof — in the snow, Metro officials said Monday they are ready this winter with better snow-fighting equipment.

The agency plans to equip 20 six-car trains with de-icing equipment when snow and ice are in the forecast. In the past, de-icing was only done with a special non-passenger train.

Metro has also treated the undercarriage of 200 additional rail cars to better protect the motors from

snow ingestion and electrical problems. Crews have replaced 8,000 feet of heater tape to keep ice off the third rail, which provides electricity to power the trains.

Snow of 8 inches or more will still be a problem. If that happens, Metro plans to run only underground rail service at 30 minute intervals.

Metro was criticized during repeated snowstorms in 2003. At one point that February, some 40 percent of the subway cars were snowbound in yards or broken. (AP)

The Lotteries

Monday, Dec. 13

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	4-1-7
Evening Lucky Numbers	6-4-1
Mid-day DC 4	4-5-7-4
Evening DC 4	0-9-7-0
Quick Cash	II-19-18-17-29-21
Hot Five	20-21-13-18-19

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	0-8-6
Evening Pick 3	3-0-6
Mid-day Pick 4	8-6-6-0
Evening Pick 4	4-8-5-3
Match 5	3-4-8-19-27 Bonus: 16

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	8-0-5
Mid-day Pick 4	1-9-6-5
Mid-day Cash 5	16-18-25-29-31

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

D.C. Baseball in Council's Hands

Mayor works on new deal with MLB on eve of final stadium vote

WASHINGTON | The fate of a deal to bring baseball back to the nation's capital rests with a final vote Tuesday in the D.C. Council. And on the eve of that vote, city hall saw a flurry of activity from supporters and opponents.

Senior staffers from Mayor Anthony A. Williams' office worked Monday to negotiate minor changes in the agreement with Major League Baseball. Their goal was to make the deal more palatable to three council members who abstained in the first vote two weeks ago while not making substantive changes in the agreement signed with MLB in October.

"We've been working since last week, trying to resolve some of these issues," said council chair

Linda Cropp, D-At Large, who abstained. According to Cropp, baseball officials have been receptive to the discussions and she said that if her concerns are addressed, she could support the agreement.

Sources familiar with the talks said discussions included possible increases in the number of tickets for community use and increasing the number of days the city could use the stadium.

Opponents held out hope that the council be unwilling to approve the \$440 million project.

Councilman Adrian M. Fenty, D-Ward 4, planned to introduce six amendments to the legislation on Tuesday, including requiring MLB to give the District all profits from the sale of the Expos. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Hardball: Political analyst Mark Plotkin discusses the baseball vote at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

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Sports

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The number of points that the Washington Redskins' offense is averaging per game this season, the lowest mark of any NFL team. The Chicago Bears, averaging 15.3 points a game, are second worst in the league.

Penalties Leave Redskins in Cellar

Washington on pace to set dubious team record under Gibbs

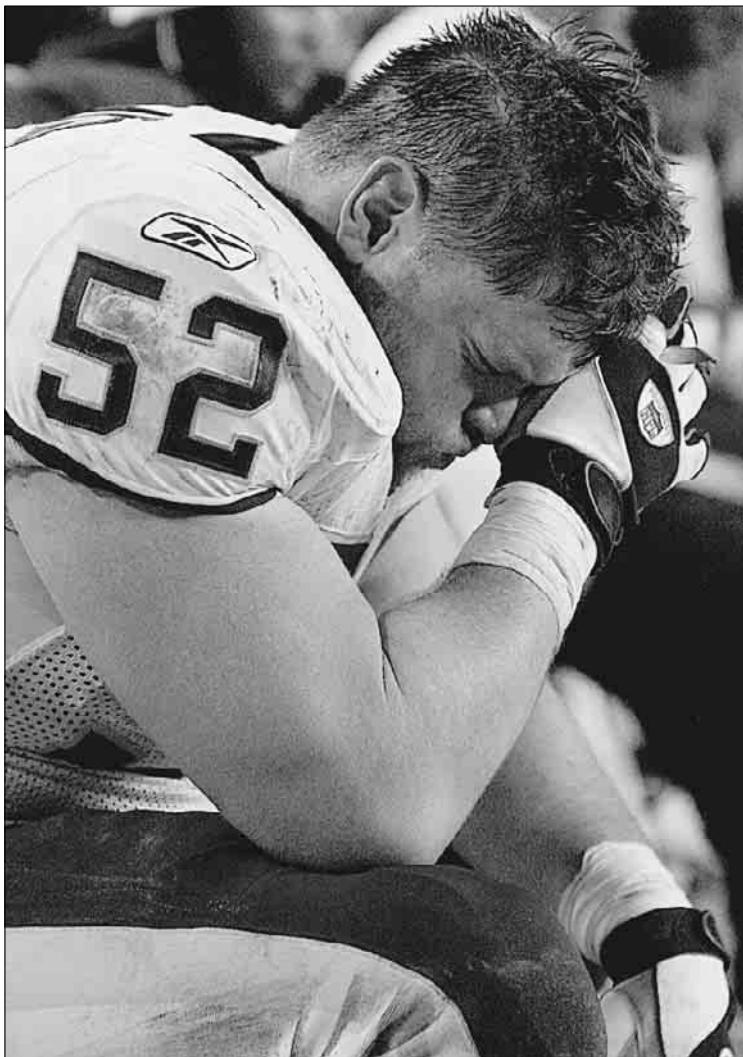
REDSKINS | The Washington Redskins are threatening the franchise record for penalty yards in a season, a most unexpected and befuddling development from a team coached by Joe Gibbs.

The Redskins committed 12 penalties for 137 yards in Sunday's 17-14 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, including four false start penalties. In less than a minute, the offense had three flags — two false starts and a holding call — that stifled a drive and forced a long field goal attempt that missed just before halftime.

There have been three double-digit penalty games this season. The total for the year is 93 penalties for 872 yards, a 1,073-yard pace that would exceed last year's 1,038-yard total by coach Steve Spurrier's undisciplined team. The team record is 1,110, set in 1948.

When the last-place Redskins (4-9) committed a dozen penalties in a 28-6 loss at Philadelphia three weeks ago, Gibbs blamed crowd noise for the false starts. He can't make that some complaint now.

"The four movement penalties are kind of hard for me to figure," Gibbs said. "I don't know if it's lack



JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

DEJECTED: Redskins center Cory Raymer reacts to the Redskins loss to the Eagles on Sunday night. Washington had 12 penalties to add to their total of 93 this year.

Nats Add Cordero To Bolster Offense

D.C. BASEBALL | First baseman Wil Cordero agreed on Monday to a one-year, \$600,000 contract with the future Washington Nationals.

The former Expos also agreed to terms with outfielder Jeffrey Hammonds on a minor league contract and selected outfielder Tyrell Godwin and third baseman Tony Blano in the Rule 5 draft.

The moves were minor compared to general manager Jim Bowden's goals entering the winter meetings, which ended Monday. Bowden was hoping to secure starting pitching, but was limited by the team's budget.

Cordero is a career .275 hitter in 13 seasons with Montreal, Florida,



Wil Cordero, a career .275 hitter, will be a part of the Nationals next season.

Boston, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Hammonds, 33, is a .272 career hitter with 110 home runs and 422 RBIs with Baltimore, Cincinnati, Colorado, Milwaukee and San Francisco. (AP)

Slamming Sammy? A deal to bring Sammy Sosa to D.C. still seems unlikely | Today's Post, Sports

Pedro Headed to Mets

Boston ace works on four-year deal with N.Y.

BASEBALL | Pedro Martinez closed in on a four-year deal with the New York Mets, and the Boston Red Sox resigned themselves Monday to losing the three-time Cy Young Award winner.

"He was a great member of the Red Sox team for seven years, and a certain Hall of Famer," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino told The Associated Press in an e-mail. "He will be missed."

Martinez's agent, Fernando Cuza, told the Mets he will attempt to work out a deal with them after New York guaranteed a fourth year, a person involved in the talks said

SPRINGS WILL BE 'FINE'

CORNERBACK SHAWN SPRINGS was at Redskins Park on Monday, still feeling groggy after suffering a concussion from a blind-side block by Eagles fullback Josh Parry. Springs was knocked unconscious by the hit and was hospitalized briefly. "They think he's going to be fine," Gibbs said, although the cornerback is likely to miss Saturday's game against San Francisco.

of concentration or some kind of uneasiness there."

A bigger culprit Sunday was Mike Sellers, who committed three personal fouls that cost the team valuable yardage on special teams plays. Sellers arrived at Redskins Park early Monday to get an earful from special teams coach Danny Smith and will have a separate meeting later with Gibbs.

"That's something we really talk over seriously," Gibbs said. "He makes great plays, and you've got somebody there that's very aggressive. What happens sometimes is guys are playing great and they pretty much get earmarked by the other team. You've got to understand you cannot put yourself before the team."

Sellers declined to speak to reporters Monday. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

on condition of anonymity.

Mets general manager Omar Minaya expressed confidence about the negotiations with Martinez, but wouldn't detail the discussions.

Martinez helped pitch Boston to its first World Series title since 1918, but Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said he refused to increase the team's offer in the past two days.

Boston's final proposal was a \$30.5 million, three-year deal that contained a club option for 2008, a baseball official said, also on condition of anonymity.

RONALD BLUM (AP)



LIVE ONLINE

Chat House

Washington Post sports columnist **MICHAEL WILBON** was online Monday to discuss the Redskins' 17-14 loss to the Eagles on Sunday night.

Do you think Joe Gibbs needs to look at his passing plays and make some changes, or is it the offensive line and quarterback to blame?

I think he'll spend the off-season really, really implementing an offensive attack that will be so much more effective than what we see now. I mean, he's Joe Gibbs, for God's sake. I don't think his offense will look like this forever. One off-season will probably do wonders.

What do you think the Redskins biggest needs are for next year?

Linemen on both sides and perhaps a big-play wide receiver if Mike Williams, the USC kid who has had to sit out this season, is available. But I would think linemen on both sides.

I attended the Wizards-Nuggets game last Wednesday and had just a great time, even though the Wizards lost. When I compare that experience to my Redskins experience earlier this year, I find there's no comparison. The Wizard tickets and parking are cheaper, access to the stadium is easier and the drive is shorter. Plus there is a closer proximity to the playing field and the product is much better.

Well said. The Redskins game-day experience, because of the location of the stadium (which Dan Snyder had nothing to do with) and because of the number of people in the stands (which Snyder had everything to do with) is the worst experience in the NFL.

Did the Eagles get exposed or was it just an off night for them?

It was great for the Eagles to be in — and win — a tight, close, tense, hard-hitting game with a team that isn't impressed with them. The Eagles were downright thankful afterward for the tough challenge. And they know they'll be better off for it come January.

THANKS FOR NOTHING: The Boston Red Sox are replacing team physician Bill Morgan, who helped stitch together a World Series title by suturing Curt Schilling's ankle and allowing him to stay in the postseason rotation.



Washington's new football coach, Tyrone Willingham, middle with Athletic Director Todd Turner, left, and University President Mark Emmert, shake hands on Monday.

Willingham Goes Back To Work at Washington

Ex-Notre Dame coach to host Irish in the fall

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Tyrone Willingham opened a box and found a golden whistle, a gift from Washington president Mark Emmert and athletic director Todd Turner. He slipped it around his neck and blew a shrill chirp.

Just like that, Willingham was back to work.

"I thought the first order of business should be to test it, just to make sure it was as true as I knew it would be," Willingham explained Monday in his first remarks as Washington's new coach.

Two weeks ago, Willingham was fired after going 21-15 in three

seasons at Notre Dame — the first full-time Fighting Irish coach in 70 years who was not allowed to finish his first contract.

Washington plays host to Notre Dame on Sept. 24. Willingham and the Fighting Irish beat Washington 38-3 this season.

"Am I aware Notre Dame is on the schedule?" Willingham asked. "I am, but that will not be the focus."

Willingham agreed to a five-year deal worth \$1.43 million in guaranteed annual salary, with \$600,000 in incentives that could boost it to \$2 million annually. **TIM KORTE (AP)**

ing table Tuesday for the second time in six days after three months of silence. The NHL is expected to provide a counteroffer to the players' proposal.

"We believe the union's Dec. 9 CBA proposal, while offering necessary and significant short-term financial relief, falls well short of providing the fundamental systemic changes that are required to ensure that overall league economics remain in sync on a going-forward basis," Daly said in the letter, TSN reported Monday. **(AP)**



Daly

NHL Set to Reject Players' Proposal

HOCKEY | The NHL reportedly will reject the latest proposal from the players' union that was meant to end the lockout and salvage the season.

Canadian sports network TSN reported Monday that NHL executive vice president Bill Daly told the 30 team owners the league will turn down the union's offer made last week that included a 24 percent rollback in salaries. TSN cited a memo from Daly to the owners.

The sides return to the bargaining

Sports

Irish To Become 'Nasty'

Weis promises to bring new attitude to Notre Dame football

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Charlie Weis promises to give Notre Dame an arrogant attitude and turn the Fighting Irish into an intelligent, hard-working, nasty football team.

"I hate to include the 'nasty,' but that is part of being a winning football team," Weis said as he was introduced Monday as the new Irish coach.

Weis, who will remain as offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots through the end of the season, says his job is to raise expectations and win games.

Simple, but not easy.

Notre Dame hasn't posted back-to-back winning seasons since 1997-98 under Bob Davie. Tough academic standards and a difficult schedule have been blamed for the demise of the nation's most storied football program.

Weis returns to his alma mater in the midst of what former Irish football player Dave Duerson, now a member of the school's board of trustees, described as great disension.

That comment came several days after the Rev. Edward Malloy, who is retiring in June after 18 years as Notre Dame's president, said he was embarrassed that the school had fired Tyrone Willingham.

TOM COYNE (AP)



Charlie Weis officially took over as Notre Dame's head coach on Monday.

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About Financial Aid

College financial aid can be confusing: long forms, complex rules, and lots of jargon and acronyms. Luckily, Betsy will be here to help on the second Tuesday of each month. You can "ask Betsy" questions about applying for financial aid, repaying your student loans, or what to do if you're having trouble paying your loans back. Email your questions to askbetsyd@amsa.com

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Dear Betsy,

I really need your help. I am a 40-year-old man who would like to go back to school, but I don't know where to start. I am looking to apply for

any grants, loans or other financial aid to help pay for my schooling. I have recently been released from federal prison and I really want to turn my life around. I have a conviction for drug sales and heard that, even though I have successfully completed a government-run drug rehab program, this one time conviction might stop me from getting a loan for school.

Robert D., Washington, DC

Dear Robert:

By successfully completing a government-run drug rehabilitation program, you regained eligibility for federal financial aid on the date you completed the program. If you had not completed the program, you would be ineligible for a specified period of time as outlined below:

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Your next step is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine your eligibility for both loans and grants for college; you can do this online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The financial aid office at the

school you'd like to attend should also be able to guide you. In the meantime, visit an Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) in your area; the main number for the DC branch is 202-822-5180 or email them at inquiry@collegeboard.org. Best of Luck to you.

PLUS Loan Consolidation
Dear Betsy:

I saw your column and decided to write to you with my question. I'm currently repaying my student loans for graduate studies at American University. I consolidated my loans in 1998 with an 8% interest rate and I'm not eligible to refinance my loan with a lower interest rate. Now my daughter is in college and I'm planning to take out a PLUS loan to pay her tuition. Can I consolidate my student loan with my PLUS loan? Would it be better for me take out a home equity loan instead of a PLUS loan?

Sincerely
Bonnie G., Waldorf, MD

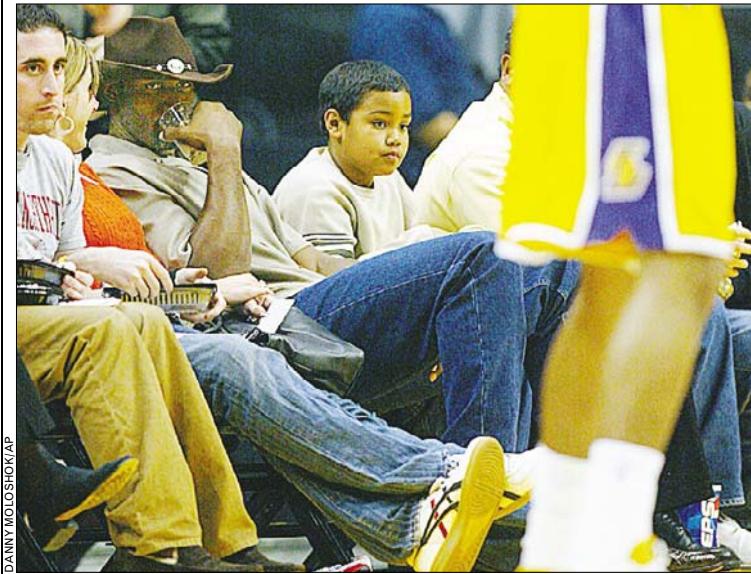
Dear Bonnie:

Yes, you may consolidate the PLUS loans with your existing consolidation. Simply contact one of your loan holders to discuss your options and request an application.

While both home equity loans and PLUS loans have pretty low interest rates and may allow deduction of the interest on your taxes, I would recommend the PLUS loan over the home equity loan. PLUS loans offer lower payment options, deferrals and other benefits if you should ever get in a situation where making the payments becomes temporarily difficult. PLUS loans also do not put your home at risk if tough circumstances occur.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Sports



Karl Malone, wearing a brown cowboy hat, watches the Lakers play the Bucks last week. Malone may not return to the Lakers due to a feud with star Kobe Bryant.

Kobe Accuses Malone Of Making Pass at Wife

NBA | Another Kobe conflict for the Lakers.

Bryant has accused Karl Malone of making a pass at his wife at a game last month.

Talking before Los Angeles' 105-98 win over Orlando on Sunday night, Bryant said he felt betrayed by a man he considered a friend.

"He was like a mentor, like a brother to me, so when something like that happens, you're upset, you're hurt," Bryant said.

Malone was not available for comment Sunday, but agent Dwight Manley said Malone told him he had never made a pass at Bryant's

wife, that he was surprised by the accusation, and that he then apologized to both Bryant and his wife for any remarks she might have considered inappropriate.

"Karl's response to Kobe's comments today is that he's a basketball player and not a soap opera actor and he doesn't intend to be involved in a personal soap opera," Manley said of his client.

Asked if there might have been a misunderstanding, Bryant said, "What he said is what he said." (AP)

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Seattle	17	4	.810	—	8-2	10-2
Minnesota	13	7	.650	3.5	7-3	10-3
Denver	12	8	.600	4.5	7-3	4-6
Portland	10	9	.526	6	6-4	4-6
Utah	9	12	.429	8	2-8	6-6

PACIFIC W L PCT. GB LIO CONF.

Phoenix	17	3	.850	—	9-1	9-2
Sacramento	14	6	.700	3	8-2	7-6
L.A. Lakers	12	8	.600	5	7-3	7-6
L.A. Clippers	11	8	.579	5.5	4-6	6-4
Golden State	6	14	.300	11	4-6	1-12

SOUTHWEST W L PCT. GB LIO CONF.

San Antonio	17	5	.773	—	8-2	7-4
Dallas	14	8	.636	3	6-4	10-6
Houston	9	12	.429	7.5	4-6	7-7
Memphis	9	13	.409	8	4-6	5-9
New Orleans	1	18	.053	14.5	0-10	1-11

Standings through Dec. 12 games

GOLDEN GOAL: AC Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko won the Golden Ball award as Europe's best soccer player Monday, edg-



ing club teammate Ronaldinho and Barcelona midfielder Deco. Shevchenko, 28, has scored 11 goals in 15 Italian league games this season.

Sports

In Brief

TENNIS

49ers Coach Staying, for Now

Coach Dennis Erickson is in no hurry to leave the San Francisco 49ers just yet. Erickson responded to the circling rumors about his future Monday, saying he thinks he'll still be employed by the Niners (2-11) at least until January. Erickson also said he hasn't been contacted by Mississippi about its head coaching vacancy

despite widespread reports naming him as the top candidate. (AP)

TENNIS

Roddick Fires Coach Gilbert

Andy Roddick fired coach Brad Gilbert this weekend after 1½ years together that yielded a U.S. Open title and the No. 1 ranking. No specific reason was given for the surprising split in a statement Roddick released Monday through SFX Sports Group. Roddick went 121-26 (an .823 winning percentage) and won nine titles with Gilbert,

including the U.S. Open title last year. Roddick finished 2003 atop the ATP Tour rankings to become, at 21, the second-youngest American to end a season there. (AP)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Illinois Remains No. 1

Illinois was No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll Monday for a second straight week, the school's longest run ever at the top of the rankings. The Illini (9-0) moved into the top spot for the third time in school history last week. (AP)

FOOTBALL

Denver's Plummer Likely to Be Fined for Flipping Off Fan

Denver quarterback Jake Plummer probably lost more than just his cool when he made an obscene gesture toward the stands. The NFL is reviewing Plummer's actions under its policy that prohibits public displays of profanity, a review that will likely lead to a fine. He was not available for comment Monday, the day after a 20-17 victory over Miami that kept the Broncos tied for the AFC's final wild card spot. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN)

Bowl season kicks off with the New Orleans Bowl between the Sun Belt Champion North Texas (7-4) and Southern Mississippi (6-5).

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski can earn career victory No. 701 when the Blue Devils host Illinois-Chicago.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 1 LSU takes on No. 16 Minnesota in a nonconference matchup.

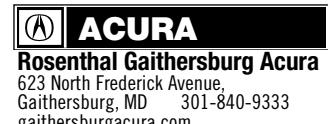


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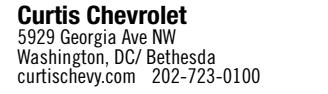
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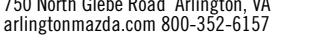
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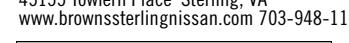
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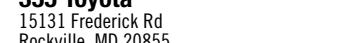
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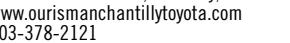
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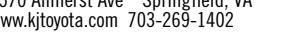
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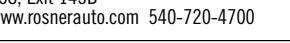
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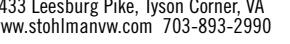
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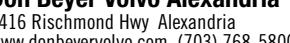
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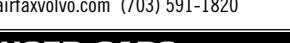
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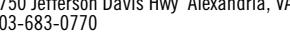
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An Awards Banquet

Schools hope giving out rewards will get kids eating healthy

NUTRITION | If a healthy heart and smaller waistline aren't incentive enough for kids to eat healthy foods, maybe a bracelet or key chain will do the trick.

That's the idea behind a Buffalo schools program that in January will start offering rewards to children who choose fruits and vegetables in the lunch line.

Planners don't want to scare students with what are legitimately scary facts — that overweight children can develop diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and other life-shortening problems. But they want them to make better food choice habits and have a more positive attitude about good nutrition.

As part of the districtwide effort, students will be taught the benefits of eating better — that it improves academic performance and energy levels. There will also be an immediate reward in the form of prizes for students who put things like carrot coins and kiwi on their trays.

The incentive is a way to "educate them and make it fun and engaging," said Gretchen Fierle of the P2 Collaborative of Western New York, coordinating the program for Buffalo's 31,000 elementary school kids.

The program also has a research component. Different twists on the basic program will be tried out at various schools to see what works best. At some, students will be asked to sign a promise to eat healthier, while some schools will compete with each other for a \$2,000 prize to stage a health-related event.

A September report from the



PRISE BITER: Although fourth-grader Kane Cameron didn't partake this time, officials hope he'll make a different decision next month with the promise of free stuff.

Institute of Medicine, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, said that over the past 30 years the rate of childhood obesity has tripled among youngsters aged 6 to 11 and has doubled for younger and older age groups. Among the report's suggestions is healthier school food.

Bridget O'Brien-Wood, food services director for Buffalo Public Schools, said schools will order a wider array of fresh produce.

"We'll try to feature different varieties of fruits or vegetables that we don't normally serve, either because they are labor-intensive or they might be a little bit more expensive," she said.

So instead of just pineapple cubes on the lunch line, students might also see kiwi and pears. Students will be encouraged to continue these healthy habits at home, said Fierle.

"If we continue doing what we're doing, a child born today will be the first generation ever in U.S. history not to live as long as the generation before them," she said. "And it's all preventable. That's horrifying."

CAROLYN THOMPSON (AP)



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Donor Debates

Hospitals try to keep online matching from becoming a trend

ETHICS | Karen Traxler thought her doctors would be thrilled when she tracked down 17 people over the Internet who might be able to donate the kidney she needs.

But Traxler, one of 60,000 people awaiting such a transplant nationwide, said a physician accused her of trying to stir up trouble, and others refused to test the potential donors to see if they were a match.

"They told me to stop rocking the boat, to try to sail into smooth waters, be patient and a kidney will come along," said Traxler, 37, who lives near Fort Collins, Colo.

Two months after doctors at Denver's Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center performed the first known Internet-brokered transplant, some doctors and hos-

pitals are putting on the brakes. They cite the potential for abuse when patients don't go through established organizations.

"We always create the risk that money will be exchanged between the donor and the recipient," Dr. Igual Kamead said.

Kamead was one of the surgeons who performed a kidney transplant for Robert Hickey, 58, of Edwards, after Hickey found a donor on a Web site called MatchingDonors.com.

The surgery was performed under a "compassionate exception" after Hickey and Robert Smitty, 32, of Tennessee signed affidavits indicating Smitty wasn't benefiting financially.

The American Society of Transplant Surgeons opposes efforts to line up a donor for a specific recipient.

Kamead said organizations already in place can match a would-be donor with a recipient. (AP)



STICOM PREMISE, MEET REAL LIFE: Bosomy tabloid-fodder Pamela Anderson returns to TV yet again, this time as the star of a Fox sitcom. Anderson will play a woman with a soft spot for no-good men.

Entertainment

Comic Goes Straight

With 'Spanglish,' Adam Sandler leaves immaturity behind

TRANSITIONS | Adam Sandler is growing up.

Thirty-eight and newly married, he hopes to start a family soon. "I'm doing the best I can," he joked. (He is married to actress-model Jackie Titone, whom he met on the set of "Big Daddy.")

Professionally, Sandler is venturing beyond the sophomore comedies that have made him one of the most bankable comedians in Hollywood.

His last two comedies — "Anger Management" with Jack Nicholson and "50 First Dates" with Drew Barrymore — earned more than \$100 million each. But Sandler is trying to challenge himself. Having tested the waters with the 2002 dark comedy "Punch-Drunk Love," he is plunging in with the James L. Brooks family comedy, "Spanglish."

Sandler plays John Clasky, a Beverly Hills chef-restaurateur who is living the good life with a beauti-



MAN-BOY: Sandler claims he had no game plan in accepting the role of mild-mannered family man in the comedy "Spanglish," but he's obviously branching out.

ful wife and two kids. Beneath this seemingly perfect model of upper-middle-class success, however, are cracks that become apparent when the family hires a new housekeeper, a beautiful Mexican immigrant named Flor (Paz Vega).

Flor, who speaks no English, soon observes the growing tension within the family. John's wife, Deborah (Tea Leoni), is a control-freak whose live-in mother (Cloris Leachman) was a promiscuous alcoholic during Deborah's formative

years. Teenage daughter Bernice (Sarah Steele) has weight issues and son Georgie (Ian Highland) is shy and introverted.

Flor, a single mom, has her own issues. Fiercely independent, she is hesitant to learn English or embrace American culture. She worries that her impressionable daughter, Cristina (Shelbie Bruce), will forget her heritage. When the two families wind up living under the same roof, their differences create further turmoil.

Unlike, say, his lovable losers in "The Waterboy" and "Billy Madison," Sandler's John Clasky faces adult pressures at work and at home in "Spanglish." But the actor says he wasn't looking to escape the lighthearted roles that made him famous, he just wanted to expand on what he's already done.

"When Jim offered this to me, I didn't say 'Well, this will go perfectly with what I'm looking to do,'" he said. "But, looking back at my career, when I end up having kids and I say, 'Throw in that 'Spanglish,' let's take a look at that,' I know I'm going to be very proud of it." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Today's Top Stops

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Hearing Voices: Rockapella

1 The goofy a cappella harmonizers of Rockapella (whom kids of all ages will remember from the TV show "Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?") put on their Holiday Show featuring seasonal classics, originals and five very impressive voices.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., 7:30 p.m., \$29.50; 800-551-7328.



Rockapella spices up the old-fashioned art of vocal harmonizing.

Ding Dongs: Carol Ringers

2 OK, this might not be the best palindrome, but the Carol Ringers and the Peace Ringers do a lot with a little, shaking their handbells to the complicated and pleasing effect of creating chiming holiday and cheery secular music.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Rhymes With 'Kids': Spanish Poetry Marathon

3 The sponsors of the Young People's Poetry Marathon in Spanish ask public-school students to create original poetry in Spanish or to recite the works of this year's marathon honoree, the great Chilean poet Pablo Neruda.

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., free; 202-882-6227. (Metro Center)

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Teen Talk: Blah, Blah

Lindsay Lohan looks to other young pop tarts for inspiration

MUSIC | It takes a special type of self-involvement to cannibalize the already popular work of your peers and then to declare, "Don't want to be like every other girl." And, man, is Lindsay Lohan special.

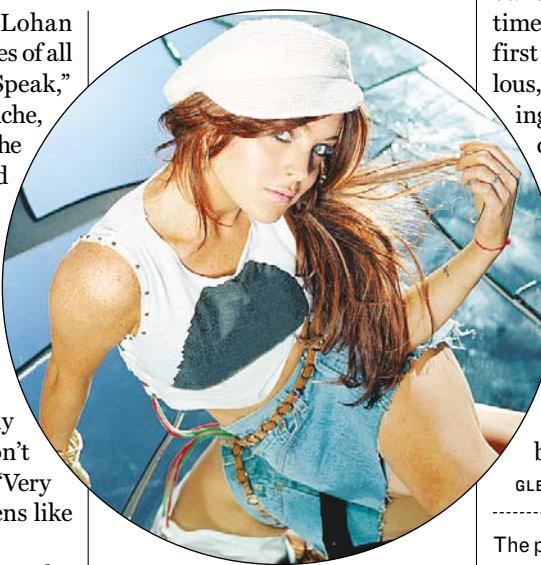
The actress' debut, "Speak" (Cassablanca), is as certain as death and taxes, as predictable as American cheese and just as satisfying. Of course, it will be a huge hit.

In the crowded girl-pop field, Team Lohan is positioning her as tougher than Duff, but not as "edgy"

as Avril or Ashlee. Sure, Lohan draws from the pop successes of all three on the 11 tracks of "Speak," but in order to carve out a niche, she will, no doubt, focus on the differences between her and her rivals.

Never mind that "First" sounds like Ashlee Simpson's "Lala." Or that "Symptoms of You" is a rip-off of Avril Lavigne's "I'm With You" down to the piano tinkling and clunky lines like "I'm not ill, I don't need to take a pill." Or that "Very Last Moment in Time" opens like Simpson's "Pieces of Me."

What saves "Speak" is the



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strength of the production, especially Tommy Mottola's steady hit-making hand over the entire project. Though Lohan's voice is average, the danceable title track is still a good time. The lyrics to the Britney-ish first single, "Rumors," are ridiculous, with Lohan probably becoming the first singer in history to complain about all the attention she gets on her debut single, sighing, "Why can't they back up off me? Why can't they let me live?"

It's a hit because it's got a hot beat. Lohan would've had a hit with it if she sang the phone book over it, which frankly would be less annoying.

GLENN GAMBOA (NEWSDAY)

The press just won't let poor actress-singer-nightclub denizen Lohan alone.

Entertainment



NANNY DIARIES: Mary Poppins is back—and producers hope she retains her magical powers. A big-budget stage musical about the no-nonsense nanny who whisks a pair of children off on supernatural adventures opens Wednesday in London's West End.

'Sideways,' Foxx Are Golden

AWARDS | The road-trip flick "Sideways" led Golden Globe contenders Monday with seven nominations, including best musical or comedy film, three acting nominations and best director; Jamie Foxx scored a record three nominations.

Other best drama nominees were the Howard Hughes biogra-

phy "The Aviator"; the caustic sex tale "Closer"; "Finding Neverland," the story of J.M. Barrie; "Hotel Rwanda," a tale set against the genocide in that country; "Kinsey," a biography of sex researcher Alfred Kinsey; and the boxing saga "Million Dollar Baby."

Along with "Sideways," best

musical or comedy nominees were the whimsical romance "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"; the animated superhero adventure "The Incredibles"; "The Phantom of the Opera"; and the Ray Charles film biography "Ray."

Foxx was nominated for best musical or comedy actor for "Ray,"



Fox is the award-magnet to beat.

for supporting actor for "Collateral" and as best actor in a TV movie or miniseries for "Redemption."

The Globes feature 13 categories for film and 11 for television. Best TV drama series picks were "24," "Deadwood," "Lost," "Nip/Tuck" and "The Sopranos." Best comedy series nominees were "Arrested Development," "Desperate Housewives," "Entourage," "Sex and the City" and "Will & Grace."

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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Entertainment

Ain't It a Kick in the Head?

In 'Dodgeball,' guys get hit with flying objects; you laugh

DVD | "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story," a formulaic but often funny comedy starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn, managed to gross more than \$166 million worldwide during its theatrical release. Chalk

it up to the football-in-the-groin effect: Everybody loves to watch other people getting hit in the face by flying objects.

Hidden Bonus: Click on the Purple Cobras logo on the Special Features menu screen to access a laugh-out-loud Easter egg.

Most Amusing Bonus: Justin Long gets his own featurette entitled "Justin Long: A Study in Ham

and Cheese." It includes a couple of deleted scenes, as well as an extended, continuous take of Long getting creamed repeatedly by dodgeballs. That's acting, people.

Neglected Bonus: Gary Cole and Jason Bateman made memorable cameos in the movie as loopy sports announcers covering the climactic dodgeball tournament for ESPN 8: the Ocho. So why are they

absent from the extra features? More fake sports coverage, or even a tongue-in-cheek documentary, would have been welcome. JEN CHANEY (WASHINGTONGPOST.COM)

Vaughn aims for the heart—and groin.



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THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 1:35, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 1:10, 2:45, 4:05, 5:30, 7:05, 9:40
RAY (PG13) 1:55, 5:05, 8:30

MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG13) 2:00, 2:45, 4:45, 5:30, 7:30, 8:15, 10:15
BRIDGET JONES 2 (R) 2:50, 3:20, 5:15, 5:45, 7:45, 8:20, 10:10
NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 2:05, 2:30, 4:50, 5:25, 7:35, 8:30, 10:20
THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
ACADEMY 8
Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court
703-998-4AMC
OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG13) 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40
BLADE: TRINITY (R) 4:40, 5:10, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30
CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG) 5:30, 8:00, 10:10
NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
AFTER THE SUNSET (PG13) 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30

Meet the Fockers

COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG13) ✓ 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:10, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15
BLADE: TRINITY (R) ✓ 1:00, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30
CLOSER (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
ALEXANDER (R) 9:50 PM
CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG) 12:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
BRIDGET JONES 2 (R) 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 12:30, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00
AFTER THE SUNSET (PG13) 9:15 PM
THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25
THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 1:50, 4:55, 7:50, 10:35
RAY (PG13) 3:20, 6:45, 10:10
SIDeways (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG) 5:25, 7:45
BRIDGET JONES 2 (R) 5:25, 8:15
NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 5:10, 8:00
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 5:40, 8:00
THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 5:40, 8:00
RAY (PG13) 5:10

UNION STATION 9

Located at Union Station
703-998-4AMC

OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:30
OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG13) ✓ 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG13) ▷ [CC] ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:30
BLADE: TRINITY (R) ✓ 2:00, 2:30, 4:45, 5:30, 7:45, 8:30
CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:45
BRIDGET JONES 2 (R) 1:45
NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 2:10, 5:10, 8:00
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 2:30, 5:20, 7:40
THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 2:10, 5:10, 8:00
RAY (PG13) 5:00, 8:15

Opens December 22

RIVERTOWNE 12

Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG13) 5:00, 5:40, 7:50, 8:20
BLADE: TRINITY (R) 5:20, 6:00, 8:00, 8:30
CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG) 5:20, 7:40
BRIDGET JONES 2 (R) 5:40, 8:10
NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 5:30, 8:20
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 5:30, 7:40
THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 5:10, 7:30
THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 5:10, 8:00
RAY (PG13) 5:00, 8:10
SAW (R) 5:50, 8:30

ACADEMY 6

Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., West Court
703-998-4AMC

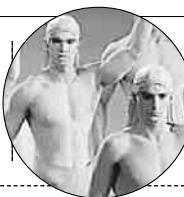
ALEXANDER (R) 4:40, 8:10
BRIDGET JONES 2 (R) 5:30, 7:50
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 5:20, 7:40
THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 5:10, 7:30
RAY (PG13) 4:50, 8:00
THE GRUDGE (PG13) 5:00, 7:20

SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

OCEAN'S TWELVE (PG13) 1:30, 4:20, 5:00, 7:30, 8:30
BLADE: TRINITY (R) 2:15, 5:00, 8:30
ALEXANDER (R) 7:15
CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG) 5:10, 8:15
BRIDGET JONES 2 (R) 5:20, 8:45
NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 8:15
SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 2:00, 4:10, 6:30
AFTER THE SUNSET (PG13) 8:45
THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 4:40
THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 4:50, 7:45
RAY (PG13) 4:30, 8:00

Television



IT HAD TO HAPPEN: Four months after broadcast, someone has decided to complain to the FCC about the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics. The NBC broadcast featured male performers representing life-size statues of nude men.

ON TV TONIGHT

A TWIST ON 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'? HOW ORIGINAL!

Tom Everett Scott stars in **KARROLL'S CHRISTMAS** (8 p.m., A&E). He's Allen Carroll, a cranky greeting-card writer who has come to hate the holiday. First he's visited by a stoned Jacob Marley (Dan Joffre), a distant kin to Bob Marley. (Get it?) This sets the tone for three goofball spirits: "Carroll" ricochets aimlessly between belabored slapstick and mawkish sentimentality.

THE GOOD EARTHY

THE AGRONOMIST (7 p.m., Cinemax) Jonathan Demme's documentary profiles Haitian activist Jean Dominique.

WORLD TRAVELERS

Panting through airports on **THE AMAZING RACE** (9 p.m., CBS).

WAS THIS REALLY NECESSARY, CHARLIE BROWN?

I WANT A DOG FOR CHRISTMAS, CHARLIE BROWN (8 p.m., ABC) The "Peanuts" gang reconvenes for the holidays in a 2003 special.

GIVE THE MAN HIS OSCAR, ALREADY SCORSESE ON SCORSESE

(10 p.m., TCM) Director Martin Scorsese discusses his films from "Mean Streets" to the forthcoming "The Aviator."

BAD HABITS

HOUSE (9 p.m., Fox) An unorthodox treatment reveals a

nun's hidden past.

SO MANY NEILS

THE LAST WALTZ (8 p.m., TCM) Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Ringo Starr, Eric Clapton and other 1970's rockers help the Band say goodbye in director Martin Scorsese's 1978 concert film, perhaps the only film to feature both Neil Young and Neil Diamond.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



ABC

NAUGHTY 'DOG': ABC airs a Charlie Brown holiday travesty.

12.14.04	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WRC (4)	News (2)	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	The Biggest Loser "Playing It Close to the Vest" (N) (1)	Scrubs (1) (2)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	News (2)	The Tonight Show	Friends (2)	Drew Carey	News (2)	(35) Nightline
WTTC (5)	The Simpsons (1)	The Simpsons (1)	Friends (1) (2)	Seinfeld (1) (2)	Billionaire: Quest for Best	House Dr. House treats a nun. (N) (1)	News	According to Jim (1)	George Lopez (N)	NYPD Blue "Bale Out" (N) (2)	News (2)	(35) Late Show
WJLA (7)	News (2)	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	I Want a Dog-Charlie Brown	According to Jim (1)	George Lopez (N)	The Amazing Race 6 (N) (1) (2)	Judging Amy "Conditional Surrender"	That '70s Show That '70s Show	Every-Raymond (1)	Dharma & Greg
WUSA (9)	News (2)	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Chained" (N) (1) (2)	All of Us (N) (1)	Eve (N) (1) (2)	Veronica Mars (N) (1) (2)	Frontline "Dangerous Prescription" (1)	Frontline "Dangerous Prescription" (1)	Raleigh Ringers: One Winter	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (2)
WDCA (20)	Girlfriends (2)	Girlfriends (2)	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	Happy Holidays in Pittsburgh (2)	The Mystery of the Three Kings (1)	Farming the Seas (1) (2)	History Detectives (1) (2)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)	Charlie Rose (N) (1) (2)	Blind Date (2)
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Outdoors Md.	Business Rpt.	Nova "Secrets, Lies & Atomic Spies"	Frontline "Dangerous Prescription" (1)	Frontline "Dangerous Prescription" (1)	Will & Grace (1)	Will & Grace (1)	Just Shoot Me (1)	The West Wing "Stirred" (1) (2)	The Daily Show Chappelle's Show
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	American Experience (2)	History Detectives (1) (2)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)	Frontline "Dangerous Prescription" (1)	Frontline "Dangerous Prescription" (1)	Extreme Evidence (1)	Extreme Evidence (1)
WHUT (32)	Business Schl	Front and Center	BBC World News	Money Wise (2)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	Anna Mania: Best of Anna Nicole (1)	Make Room for Baby "BuoyBoo" (N)	Make Room for Baby "BuoyBoo" (N)	Howard Stern (1)	Howard Stern (1)
WBDC (39)	The Parkers (1)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (1)	Steve Harvey	Wild Things (1)	Wild Things (1)	Wild Things (1)	Life Is Great (1)	Painted House (1)	Painted House (1)	The 700 Club (2)	Crafters Coast
A&E	Airline (2)	Airline (2)	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	"Karroll's Christmas" (2004) Tom Everett Scott, Verne Troyer. Premiere. (2)	"Karroll's Christmas" (2004) Tom Everett Scott, Verne Troyer. (2)	"Karroll's Christmas" (2004) Tom Everett Scott, Verne Troyer. (2)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (2)	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (2)	The West Wing "Stirred" (1) (2)	The West Wing "Stirred" (1) (2)	The Golden Girls (2)
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter (2)	Most Extreme "Predators" (2)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster	Most Extreme "Killers" Deadly Jelly	Animal Cops Houston (2)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster (2)	Chappelle's Show (2)	Wanda Does It (2)	The Daily Show Chappelle's Show	The Daily Show Chappelle's Show	Hard Core Players (2)
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET Style	The Parkers (1)	Girlfriends (2)	Source Awards 2004 Hip-hop artists.	Source Awards 2004 Hip-hop artists.	Source Awards 2004 Hip-hop artists.	South Park (2)	Sundance (N) (1)	Sundance (N) (1)	Extreme Evidence (1)	Extreme Evidence (1)
Bravo	(5:00) ★★ "Brokedown Palace"	The West Wing "Stirred" (1) (2)	Christmas Special Christmas	Christmas Special Christmas	Crank Yankers (1)	Reno 911! (2)	South Park (2)	Forensic Files (2)	Wing Nuts "I et It B-25"	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (1)	Triplets and Quinns (2)	Triplets and Quinns (2)
Comedy	Shorties Watchin' (2)	Stranger-Candy	The Daily Show	Mad TV (1) (2)	The Investigators "Little Boy Lost"	North Mission (2)	North Mission (2)	Mummy Autopsy (N)	Wing Nuts "I et It B-25"	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (1)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (1)	Even Stevens (2)
Court	NYPD Blue "Good-Bye Charlie" (2)	Cops (1) (2)	Cops (1) (2)	The Investigators "Little Boy Lost"	Dr. G: Medical Examiner	South Park (2)	Sundance (N) (1)	Wing Nuts "I et It B-25"	Wing Nuts "I et It B-25"	Extreme Evidence (1)	Extreme Evidence (1)	Boy Meets World (2)
Discovery	Monster Nation (2)	American Chopper "Firebikie" (2)	Triplets and Quinns (2)	Triplets and Quinns (2)	Babies: Special Delivery (2)	Make Room for Baby "BuoyBoo" (N)	Make Room for Baby "BuoyBoo" (N)	Sex and the City (2)	Sex and the City (2)	Sex and the City (2)	Sex and the City (2)	Diary of an Affair (2)
DISCH	Chicago Hope "Sarindipity" (1) (2)	Trauma: Life in the ER (2)	Triplet and Quints (2)	Triplet and Quints (2)	Babies: Special Delivery (2)	Make Room for Baby "BuoyBoo" (N)	Make Room for Baby "BuoyBoo" (N)	Sex and the City (2)	Sex and the City (2)	Sex and the City (2)	Sex and the City (2)	Diary of an Affair (2)
Disney	Even Stevens (2)	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister (1)	That's So Raven	★★ "The Even Stevens Movie" (2003, Comedy) Shia LaBeouf. (2)	Lizzie McGuire (2)	Lizzie McGuire (2)	Life Is Great (1)	Life Is Great (1)	Life Is Great (1)	Life Is Great (1)	Boy Meets World (2)
El	Love Is in the Heir (2)	Love Is in the Heir (2)	E! News (N)	It's Good to Be (2)	Lionel Richie Hollywood Story (1)	Anna Mania: Best of Anna Nicole (1)	Anna Mania: Best of Anna Nicole (1)	Diary of an Affair (1)	Diary of an Affair (1)	Diary of an Affair (1)	Diary of an Affair (1)	Howard Stern (2)
FX	Fear Factor (1) (2)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	★★ "Nine Months" (1995, Comedy) Hugh Grant, Julianne Moore. (2)	★★ "America's Sweethearts" (2001) Julia Roberts. (2)	★★ "America's Sweethearts" (2001) Julia Roberts. (2)	★★ "America's Sweethearts" (2001) Julia Roberts. (2)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)
HGTV	Wknd Warriors (2)	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Designed to Sell (1)	Designer Finals (1)	Decorating Cents (1)	Divine Design (1)	Designers' (1)	Designers' (1)	Painted House (1)	Crafters Coast
Family	7th Heaven "Charity Begins at Home"	Jack Frost	Jack Frost	★★ "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000, Fantasy) Jim Carrey, Jeffery Tambor. (2)	Modern Marvels "Ice Road Trucker" (2)	Modern Marvels "Ice Road Trucker" (2)	Modern Marvels "Ice Road Trucker" (2)	Whose Line? (2)	Whose Line? (2)	Whose Line? (2)	The 700 Club (2)	The 700 Club (2)
History	Napoleon: Rule Europe	Modern Marvels "Langars" (2)	Wild West Tech (N)	Wild West Tech (N)	Modern Marvels "Ice Road Trucker" (2)	Modern Marvels "Ice Road Trucker" (2)	Modern Marvels "Ice Road Trucker" (2)	The Wrath of God (1)	The Wrath of God (1)	The Wrath of God (1)	The Wrath of God (1)	The Golden Girls (2)
Lifetime	The Golden Girls (1) (2)	★★ "On the 2nd Day of Christmas" (1987) Mary Stuart Masterson. (2)	★★ "Miss Lettie and Me" (2002, Drama) Mary Tyler Moore. Premiere. (2)	★★ "Miss Lettie and Me" (2002, Drama) Mary Tyler Moore. Premiere. (2)	Modern Marvels "Ice Breakers" (2)	Modern Marvels "Ice Breakers" (2)	Modern Marvels "Ice Breakers" (2)	The Nanny (2)	The Nanny (2)	The Nanny (2)	The Nanny (2)	The Golden Girls (2)
MTV	R. Wild Chal. (2)	Direct Effect (1)	Making the Video	Got a Friend	Viva La Bam (1)	Viva La Bam (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Pimp My Ride (1)	Hard Core Players (2)	R. Wild Chal. (2)
NICK	Hey Arnold! (2)	Secret-Lemony	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Fatherhood (2)	Fatherhood (2)	Fatherhood (2)	Fatherhood (2)	Fresh Prince (2)	Fresh Prince (2)
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Chain Reaction" (1)	Legend of Earthsea (2)	A young wizard must save his mystical land. (2)	Legend of Earthsea Ced tries to restore peace to Earthsea. (N) (2)	Legend of Earthsea Ced tries to restore peace to Earthsea. (N) (2)	Legend of Earthsea (2)	Legend of Earthsea (2)	Legend of Earthsea (2)	Legend of Earthsea (2)	Legend of Earthsea (2)	Legend of Earthsea (2)	Legend of Earthsea (2)
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos (2)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Lady Heather's Box" (1)	Game Awards	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2004 (S Live)	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2004 (S Live)	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2004 (S Live)	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2004 (S Live)	The Real Gilligan's Island (N)	Sex and the City (2)	Sex and the City (2)	Sex and the City (2)	The Real Gilligan's Island (2)
TBS	Seinfeld (1) (2)	Seinfeld (1) (2)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	The Real Gilligan's Island (N)	The Real Gilligan's Island (N)	The Real Gilligan's Island (N)	Overhaulin' A 1970 Mustang. (N)	Rides "SUV From Hell"	Rides "SUV From Hell"	Rides "SUV From Hell"	American Hot Rod (2)
TLC	Clean Sweep "Storming the Palace"	In a Fix (2)	American Hot Rod (2)	American Hot Rod (2)	Overhaulin' A 1970 Mustang. (N)	Overhaulin' A 1970 Mustang. (N)	Overhaulin' A 1970 Mustang. (N)	Rides "SUV From Hell"	Rides "SUV From Hell"	Rides "SUV From Hell"	Rides "SUV From Hell"	American Hot Rod (2)
TNT	Charmed (1) (2)	Law & Order "Navy Blues" (1)	★★ "Call Me Claus" (2001) Whoopi Goldberg, Nigel Hawthorne. (2)	★★ "Call Me Claus" (2001) Whoopi Goldberg, Nigel Hawthorne. (2)	★★ "Call Me Claus" (2001) Whoopi Goldberg, Nigel Hawthorne. (2)	★★ "Call Me Claus" (2001) Whoopi Goldberg, Nigel Hawthorne. (2)	★★ "Call Me Claus" (2001) Whoopi Goldberg, Nigel Hawthorne. (2)	Charmed (1) (2)	Charmed (1) (2)	Charmed (1) (2)	Charmed (1) (2)	Charmed (1) (2)
USA	JAG "Adrift" (1) (Part 1 of 2) (2)	JAG "Ready or Not" (2) (DVS)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	★★ "Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney. (2)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	★★ "Liar Liar" (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney. (2)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)
VH1	(5:00) ★★ "The Princess Bride"	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	I Love the '70s "1074" (1)	Duran Duran: The Set (N) (1)	Duran Duran: The Set (N) (1)
TELEM	Corte-Pueblo	Noti-Telemundo	Anita No Te Rajes	La Mujer en el Espejo	Gitanas	Gitanas	Te Voy a Enseñar a Querer	Veremos Todo con Niurka	Veremos Todo con Niurka	Veremos Todo con Niurka	Noticiero Tel. (2)	Laura (2)
UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	La Mujer de Madera	Rubi	Amor Real	Amor Real	Veremos Todo con Niurka	Veremos Todo con Niurka	Veremos Todo con Niurka	Veremos Todo con Niurka	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ. (2)
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (2)	College Football	Wyndham New Orleans Bowl – North Texas vs. Southern Mississippi. From New Orleans. (Live) (2)	College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at Duke. (Live) (2)	College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at Duke. (Live) (2)	College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at Duke. (Live) (2)	College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at Duke. (Live) (2)	SportsCenter (Live) (2)	SportsCenter (Live) (2)	SportsCenter (Live) (2)	SportsCenter (Live) (2)	The Season (N)
ESPN2	Series-Poker	NFL Live (2)	Women's College Basketball LSU at Minnesota. (Live) (2)	College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at Duke. (Live) (2)	College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at Duke. (Live) (2)	College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at Duke. (Live) (2)	College Basketball Illinois-Chicago at Duke. (Live) (2)	Pro View	Best-Sports	Best-Sports	Best-Sports	Best-Sports
CSN	I, Max (N)	SportsNite (2)	Championship Poker at the Plaza	MISL Soccer Milwaukee Wave at Baltimore Blast. (Taped)	MISL Soccer Milwaukee Wave at Baltimore Blast. (Taped)	MISL Soccer Milwaukee Wave at Baltimore Blast. (Taped)	MISL Soccer Milwaukee Wave at Baltimore Blast. (Taped)	SportsNite (Live) (2)	SportsNite (Live) (2)	SportsNite (Live) (2)	SportsNite (Live) (2)	SportsNite (Live) (2)
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (2)	Anderson Cooper 360 (2)	Paula Zahn Now (2)	Larry King Live (2)	NewsNight With Aaron Brown (2)	NewsNight With Aaron Brown (2)	NewsNight With Aaron Brown (2)	Lou Dobbs Tonight (2)	Lou Dobbs Tonight (2)	Lou Dobbs Tonight (2)	Lou Dobbs Tonight (2)	Lou Dobbs Tonight (2)
FNC	Special Report (Live) (2)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (2)	Hannity & Colmes (Live) (2)	On the Record-Van Susteren	On the Record-Van Susteren	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (2)	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (2)	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (2)	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (2)	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (2)
MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)	Hardball (Live) (2)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Deborah Norville Tonight (Live)	Scarborough Country (Live)	Scarborough Country (Live)	Scarborough Country (Live)	Hardball (Live) (2)	Hardball (Live) (2)	Hardball (Live) (2)	Hardball (Live) (2)	Hardball (Live) (2)
AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Spencer's Mountain" (1963, Drama) Henry Fonda, 'NR'	★★ "Flying Leathernecks" (1951, Adventure) John Wayne, 'NR'	(15) ★★ "Jet Pilot" (1957, Adventure) John Wayne, Janet Leigh, 'G'	(15) ★★ "Jet Pilot" (1957, Adventure) John Wayne, Janet Leigh, 'G'	(15) ★★ "Jet Pilot" (1957, Adventure) John Wayne, Janet Leigh, 'G'	(15) ★★ "Jet Pilot" (1957, Adventure) John Wayne, Janet Leigh, 'G'	(15) ★★ "Jet Pilot" (1957, Adventure) John Wayne, Janet Leigh, 'G'	Carnivale "Babylon" (1) (2)	Carnivale "Babylon" (1) (2)	Carnivale "Babylon" (1) (2)	Carnivale "Babylon" (1) (2)	Carnivale "Babylon" (1) (2)
TCM	(5:30) ★★★ "Bells Are Ringing" (1960, Musical) Judy Holliday, 'NR' (2)	★★ "The Last Waltz" (1978, Documentary) The Band, Bob Dylan, 'PG'	★★ "Sniper 2" (2002, Action) Tom Berenger, 'R' (2)	★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon, (2)	★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon, (2)	★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon, (2)	★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon, (2)	Patriot Games (2)	Patriot Games (2)	Patriot Games (2)	Patriot Games (2)	Patriot Games (2)
HBO	Mars Attacks! (1)	★★ "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (2003) Cameron Diaz, (1) PG-13 (2)	★★ "Mystic River" (2003) Sean Penn. A detective probes the murder of his friend's daughter.	★★ "Sniper 2" (2002, Action) Tom Berenger, 'R' (2)	★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon, (2)	★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon, (2)	★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon, (2)	Love Hard Way	Love Hard Way	Love Hard Way	Love Hard Way	Love Hard Way
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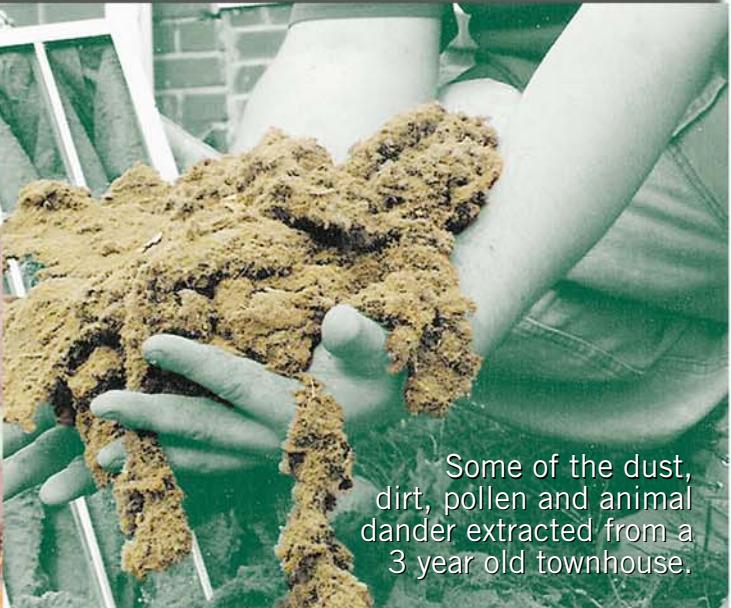
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Researchers examine people 90 and older for clues to longevity

Most of the people Dr. Claudia Kawas refers to as "trailblazers" enter her Laguna Woods, Calif., clinic haltingly, with walkers or canes, or clutching someone with a steadier gait. Some don't come at all; they're home, bedridden.

But the trailblazer description fits. It refers to Americans who



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have exceeded average life expectancy and can show others how to get there.

Kawas, a professor at the University of California, Irvine, is the architect of a \$9 million study monitoring people 90 and older, to determine the trade-off between lifestyle and genetics in "extreme aging."

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be useful for people of all ages," said Dr. Robert Butler, president of the International Longevity Center in New York.

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have little effect on longevity. But moderate wine drinking — about one to two glasses a day — was linked to longevity, as was daily consumption of caffeinated coffee. Being even borderline overweight or too skinny decreased the odds of getting to age 90, while a moderate body mass index increased the odds. Being physically active also increased survival to 90.

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Kawas' data also found that women who used estrogen had a lower risk of dying before 90.

Quality-of-life and depression measurements revealed people who are happy and independent, Kawas noted.

Vivian Jones, 93, said it's all about mind-set. She believes those who find a reason to live will live longer.

"It's about giving of yourself and what you have," she said. SHARI ROAN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Rob Pegoraro

Gadget Guide

Post personal technology columnist ROB PEGORARO was online Monday to discuss the best of this season's holiday gadgets | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

I want to buy an iPod for my man but it is so expensive. Should I wait until closer to Christmas to see if the price is going down?

Nope. You're not going to see any price drops on the iPod between now and then.

You might see some in January — if Apple sticks to past practice, it will introduce new iPods or update its old ones at the Macworld Expo trade show in mid-January. But that won't help on your Xmas shopping. Er, it won't unless you use a credit card or shop at a store that offers a price-protection policy.

I have a 7-year-old boy who is beginning to get interested in video games. How do I choose between the various platforms available (PC, PS2, Xbox, GameCube, etc.)? It baffles me. Which of these has the best games for a boy that age?

Since I wrote my bit on game-console shopping last month, a guy who used to edit GameSpy wrote in to say that I was ignoring GameCube's appeal among pre-teens — that his kids and those in his neighborhood were huge

GameCube fans, owing to the high proportion of kid-oriented titles.

I'll throw that out as another thing to consider. While I think the GameCube remains a poor choice for gamers in general, I can see where this reader's coming from.

I'm looking for a nice digital camera for my sis to take pictures of her baby, but I really need to find something with a very short time between pressing the button and capturing the image. I'm hoping to find something in the \$300 range.

The two Kyocera Finecam models I mentioned in my digital cameras gift-guide story beat shutter lag pretty soundly, and one of them should be gettable for around \$300.

→ Today on Live Online

1 P.M.: Hafez Al-Mirazi, Washington bureau chief for Al-Jazeera Television, takes questions on the network.

2 P.M.: Express Features Editor Holly Morris discusses Tuesday's guide on local providers of Voice-over Internet Protocol services, which let you talk over the Internet with a regular phone and a broadband connection.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Blustery, colder, partly sunny

40°



Breezy early, mostly clear, cold

24°



Mostly sunny, cold

40° / 26°



Cold in the morning, mostly sunny

48° / 34°



Partly sunny, blustery

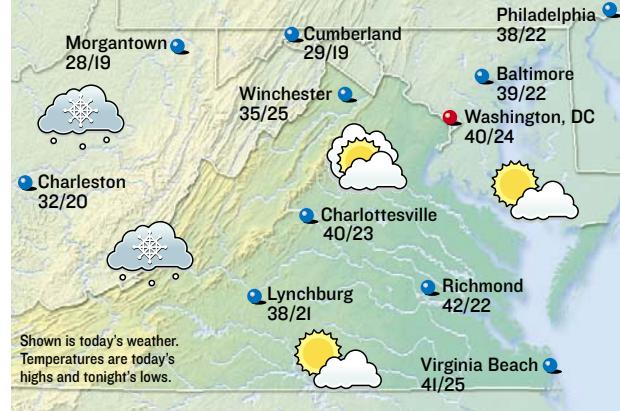
48° / 32°



Partly sunny

46° / 36°

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Precipitation

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Normal month to date	1.26"
Year to date	41.52"
Last year to date	58.69"
Normal year to date	37.67"

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Regional Forecast

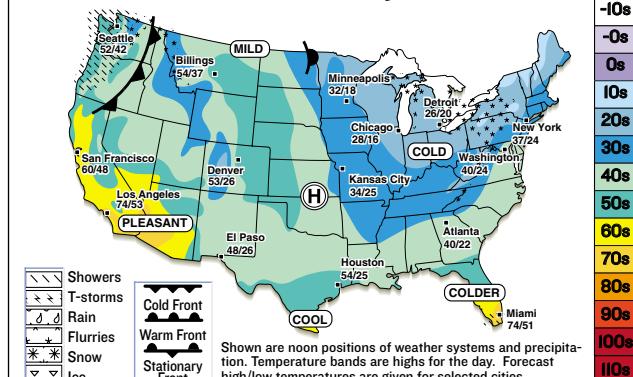
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Sun and Moon

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Sunset tonight 4:47 p.m.
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National Weather for Tuesday, December 14

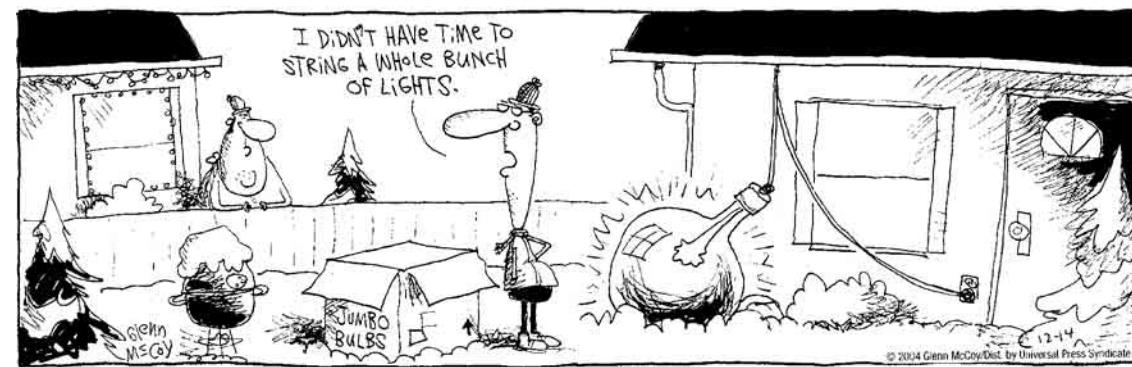


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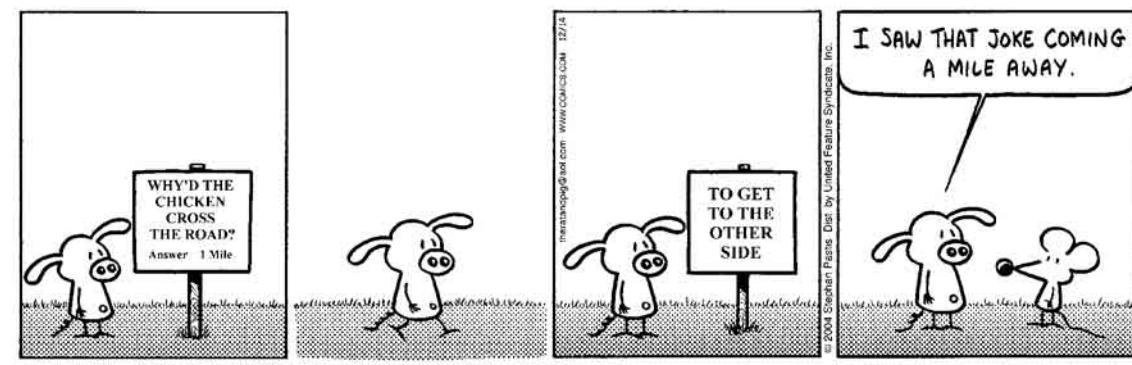
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New York City	37/24/pc	32/24/s	Rome	57/46/pc	55/42/c
Orlando	58/36/s	58/40/sh	Sydney	78/59/pc	73/55/pc
Seattle	52/42/sh	50/40/pc	Tokyo	51/40/s	55/48/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

the rights of gays, but I am against having it put in my face at every turn. It saddens me that while doing a simple thing like reading the paper on my morning commute, I have to see this picture that I feel is morally wrong. I think that there are hundreds of other photos that would have conveyed what the article was about without showing two

men kissing. I think that being gay is a lifestyle choice and I should not have to be a witness to it first thing Friday morning.

— LACHELLE WIMBISH
Suitland, Md.

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EPOCHS

Do You Totally Love U2? You Are Now Officially Old

U2, R&B singers The O'Jays and soul balladeer Percy Sledge are among five musical legends to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame during the foundation's 20th annual induction ceremony next year, the organization announced Monday. Artists are eligible to be inducted after at least 25 years have passed since their first record was released. The Hall of Fame will hold its induction ceremony March 14 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Manhattan. The Pretenders and blues guitarist Buddy Guy will also join the organization's Class of 2005. (AP)



Bono
is often
linked
with U2.



JIM RUYMEN/REUTERS

NEW THREATS

Future Olsens Of America

Twins **KARA** and **SHELBY HOFFMAN** toddled onto the black carpet for the Sunday premiere of "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events," in which they play infant Sunny. Could a merchandising empire be far behind? (EXPRESS)

COLLECTIBLES

Next on the Block: Hank Azaria's Bed Linens

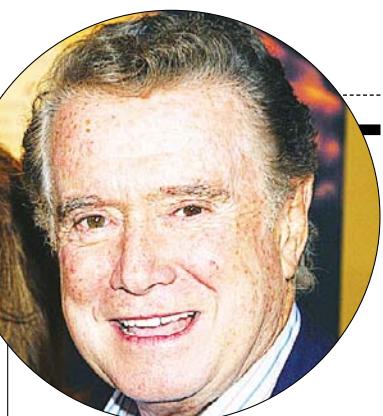
Smelly socks worn by **ED HARRIS** during the filming of "Empire

Falls" were among the treasures snatched up by fans during a sale of props and costumes from the HBO movie. On Saturday, about 300 people in Waterville, Maine,

APOCALYPSE

Regis Takes Clark's Place; Millennialists Prepare for World's End

A week after suffering a mild stroke, Dick Clark remained hospitalized and his spokesman announced that **REGIS PHILBIN** will fill in as host of ABC's "New Year's Rockin' Eve 2005." "It'll feel strange watching it on TV but my doctors felt it was too soon," Clark said in a statement Monday. "I'm sure Regis will do a great job and I'm thankful that he was able to step in on such short notice." This would have been Clark's 33rd Rockin' Eve. "It's the



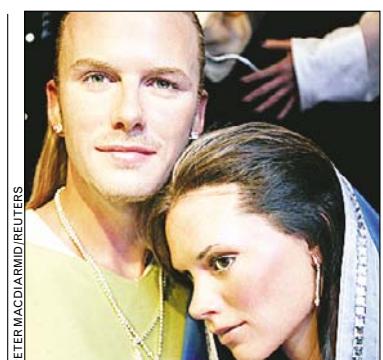
The giant head of Regis Philbin is an ancient way of heralding a new year.

greatest 'temp job' in the world," said Philbin, co-host of "Regis & Kelly." Philbin will be joined by Ashlee Simpson, who's hosting the West Coast portion of the special. (AP)

ILLNESS

Doctors Diagnose Elton's Throat Ailment 'Bad Karma'

ELTON JOHN canceled a second British concert because of a throat infection. John, 57, blamed the infection for the cancellation of his planned show Sunday at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Center in Glasgow — the fourth concert in a tour of Britain. Two nights earlier, he had canceled a concert in Nottingham. "I've been doing all that I can to try to get my voice back and I've seen a throat specialist again today and he's advised that it would be foolish to go ahead with tonight's show," John said in a statement. (AP)



PETER MACDIARMID/REUTERS
Who says wax pop culture simulacra can't play a valid role in world religion?

SACRILEGE

Beckham Fans Shocked By Brutal Act of Desecration

Madame Tussauds' wax nativity scene featuring **DAVID** and **VICTORIA BECKHAM** as the parents of Jesus has been damaged in an attack. The piece, which has drawn criticism from Christian leaders, was damaged Sunday when a male visitor pushed over the figures of the Beckhams before running away, a spokeswoman said. (AP)

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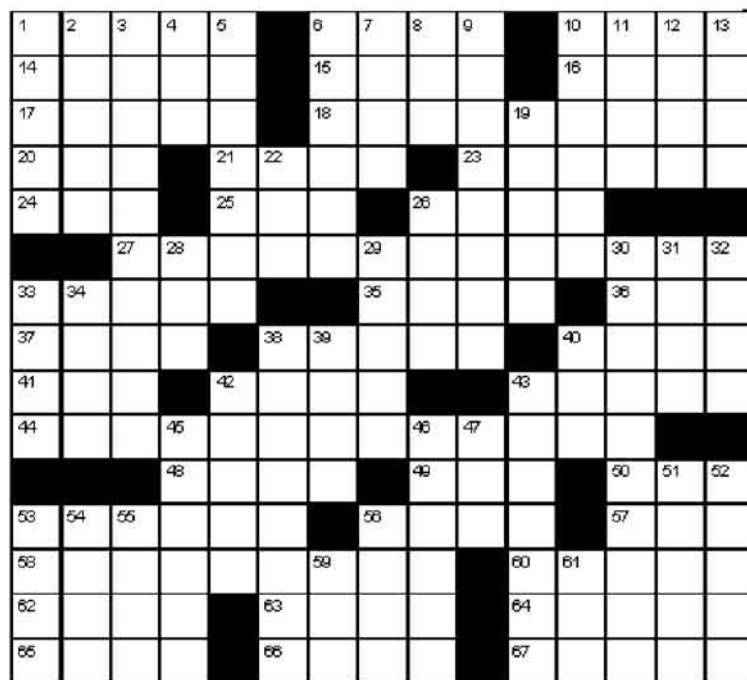
Get Lucky! | Edited by Timothy E. Parker**ACROSS**

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- Do a laundry day task
- Arrears
- Iguana-like creature
- Declare
- Geographical datum
- Detach, in a way
- Get lucky!
- Speak with a forked tongue
- Lateen, e.g.
- Points of view
- What Bart Simpson has been for years
- ___ and outs
- Garage sale caveat
- Get lucky!
- Open to question
- Fly off the handle
- Andy Capp's order
- Theater box
- Unwelcome reflection
- Not tied down
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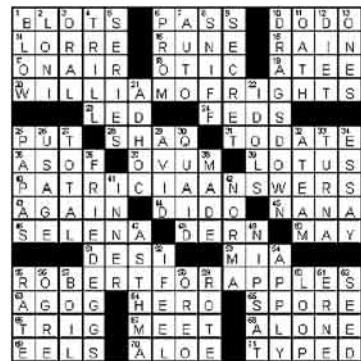
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- Get lucky!
- Scourges
- Command to Fido
- Bank posting
- Impossible to miss
- Brings to a close
- Galactic bit
- Staff breaks?

DOWN

- Earthquake line
- Harold Gray heroine
- Danish seaport
- "Boolie" singer
- Compactness
- Starve
- Face shape
- Albanian currency
- Delicate horsemanship
- Table linen
- Ireland of literature
- Needing straightening
- Uses a sewing shuttle
- "Meridian" author Walker
- Ubiquitous insect
- Cracked
- Presidential nickname
- Muse with a lyre
- Shared



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| 31 It may be laid on thick | 45 Drops behind |
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Those in authority may have something over you, until you are willing to come clean and share all you know openly with those around you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll find yourself warming up to an unusual idea and seriously considering your part in an unforeseen alliance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll be thinking big thoughts and getting more firmly in touch with your own destiny. Decisions come swiftly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can improve your own outlook and productivity by accepting current limitations and beginning to work with them willingly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may attract a great deal of attention for two

highly contrasting decisions. By day's end, alliances and loyalties will seem clear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a good day to be thinking of love and romance, no matter what practical concerns compete for your attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll enjoy a renewed and healthier perspective as a result of an unforeseen, highly valuable and pleasurable opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A financial turning point is quickly approaching. Be prepared to make one or two pivotal decisions that are likely to be far-reaching.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself considering a fight with City Hall. Consider all your options before making the decision to face your Goliath.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your day will begin slowly, tentatively, and with a marked degree of uncertainty. All that will change rapidly, however.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be asked some difficult questions to which there are no definite answers. Instinct and training work closely together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This is a good day to encourage friends and family members to band together in support of a common cause.

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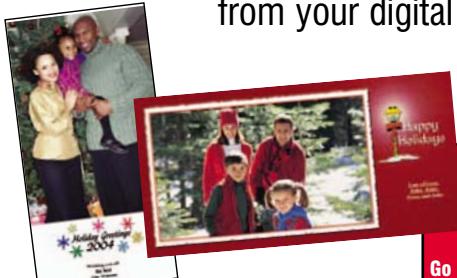
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